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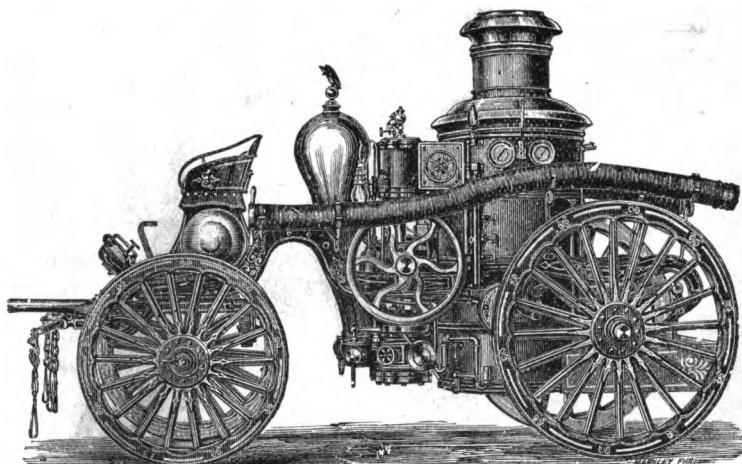
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**H**E committee, in preparing this sketch of the Company's history, has deemed it unnecessary to cumber the work, with all the minute details during the fifty-three years of its existence. Our object has been to record the principal points of our Company's history, and we hope in that respect, we have fairly succeeded. It is offered to those, who have labored with us in the past as an heir-loom of the many happy by-gone days spent in each other's association. Having concluded our labor in compiling the following sketch, and trusting that our fellow members will overlook any inaccuracies which have occurred through the haste necessitated by the circumstances attending, we beg to remain,

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HE efforts first made toward the organization of the Good Intent Fire Company No. 1, date back to the Fall of 1846. At that time, the organizations for the purposes of fire fighting were considered by some of our citizens insufficient. Mr. Benjamin Haywood, our former respected and beloved townsman, drew up a paper and requested Mr. D. B. Strauch; an apprentice at that time, in the shops of Messrs. Haywood and Snyder, to circulate among the employees connected with the shops and the young men of the town and get signers who were willing to join the new company. Mr. Haywood cautioned Mr. Strauch to obtain "none but respectable, industrious and sober young men."

The following names appear upon the old records of the company: Thomas F. Beatty, James W. Bowen, Albert Silliman, William Beidleman, Nelson Mortimer, A. L. Moorhead, Jacob Feltnagel, W. W. Jones, Adam Eiler, Francis Rowbottom, Adam Smith, M. Mull, Isaac Barkly, William Vaughn, John Till, William Henrick, Thomas Mullen, Frederick Betz, Chas. McCord, Robert Allison, William Johns, Henry Bell, Garret L. Vliet, Charles Kaercher, John Gable, Samuel T. Skeen, Frederick A. Ent, Chas. P. Perry, Edward O'Conner, James McBarnes, James Mears, Martin Murphy, John Rowbottom, Vince Hanley, George Hanley, George Minich, John Kellar, Augustus Ehler, E. B. Jackson, John Spohn, Edward

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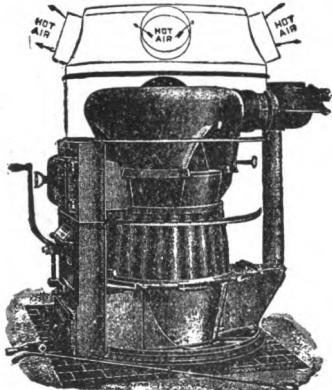
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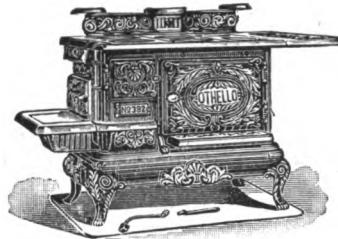
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A meeting, Oct. 5, 1846, was held in the Town Hall. Mr. Benjamin M. Miller was elected President; Wash-

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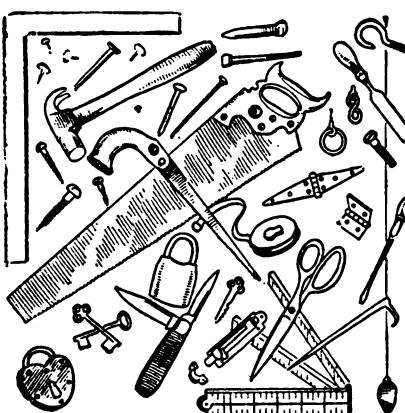
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ton Jackson, Treasurer, and William Barndollar, Secretary. A committee was appointed and sent to Philadelphia to secure an engine; this committee purchased the old Hope engine which stood on Sixth St., below Fitzwater St.

December 2, 1846, the first ball was held at the Town Hall, but owing to the inclemency of the weather and the military excitement pervading all classes of the community at the time, prevented a large attendance; the receipts were small and the scheme to raise the money to pay for the engine was consequently only partially successful.

On Wednesday, January 20, 1847, the new engine arrived at Mount Carbon, and the company manned the ropes and headed by a band of music paraded through the town and housed the machine on Third street between Market and Norwegian streets. The Miners' Journal relates the occurrence as follows: "On Wednesday, January 20, the fire engine purchased by the Good Intent Engine Company, of this borough, arrived in Pottsville and was brought up from the depot by the company. The engine is one of the first-class, and is said to be an excellent one. We are gratified to see that the efforts of the young men of our borough to provide a better fire apparatus have been crowned with success, and no committee ever appointed by any company to receive and collect subscriptions worked harder than the gentlemen composing the committee belonging to the Good Intent. No place ought to be better provided with efficient fire apparatus than Pottsville, and up to the present time few have been so badly off."

April 19, 1847, the Good Intent Engine Co., with apparatus, paraded with the National Light Infantry, in honor of Generals Taylor, Scott, and Colonel Wynkoop.

July 4, 1847, on this day the Pottsville Fire Companies paraded. The Good Intent Fire Engine Co. was conspicuous in the pageant; the members were dressed in full regalia, and the engine was drawn by six elegantly capar-

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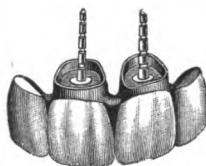
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sioned steeds, each mounted by a boy dressed in Turkish costume, the whole accompanied by the brass band, whose strains contributed much to the general effect of the display.

July 4, 1848, "on this day the Good Intent Engine Company, with their engine handsomely decorated with wreaths and flowers, and in company with the Hydraulian which is now in charge of Juniors, proceeded through the streets in fireman's dress. Dr. Leib presented a silver trumpet on behalf of Messrs. Long and Jackson, of Philadelphia. It was received by James H. Campbell, Esq., in a neat and pertinent address in behalf of the company. The trumpet is a splendid instrument, very creditable to the taste and skill of the enterprising donors."

September 5, 1848, a committee of the company was appointed to meet a corresponding committee from the several fire companies of the borough to make general rules to regulate the whole fire department. The committee consisted of Thos. F. Beatty and Jacob Feltnagle..

The company also decided to hold an anniversary ball on October 5. The following committee was appointed: Jacob Feltnagle, Isaac Barkly, F. Rowbottom, Michael Mull, Wm. Christian.

On July 4, 1849, the Good Intent Fire Co. left for Reading, Pa., where they participated in the firemen's parade. They returned home on the morning of the 5th. The Miners' Journal comments as follows: "Before finally dismissing, they paraded through some of the principal streets of this place with their engine. It was drawn by four horses, on each of which was mounted a rider dressed in imitation of Arabs, preceded by members of the company, who were dressed in the uniform worn by firemen. They carried quite a handsome banner, which in connection with the taste and beauty with which the engine was decorated with natural and artificial flowers, and the excellent music of the band, gave the affair quite an imposing appearance."

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On Monday, July 26, 1852, the company participated in the ceremonies of the laying of the corner stone of Henry Clay Monument.

In Oct., 1857, the company had the old Hope engine, purchased in 1846, rebuilt at Agrews, in Philadelphia, at a cost of \$1,000.

. On January 5, 1859, Geo. Hartman, J. A. Lessig and E. L. Severn were appointed a committee to inquire into the expense of getting a charter.

On Wednesday, March 30, 1859, the fire department, of Pottsville, and two visiting companies, turned out on parade. The Citizen Engine Company, of Harrisburg, and the Junior Engine Company, of Reading, were met at the depot by the Good Intent Engine Company and escorted to the house, where they partook of a collation; subsequently they were conducted to their quarters at the American House. The line of parade formed on Market Square; N. Fox was Chief Marshal. The order of parade was as follows:

1. Rough and Ready Engine Co., Pottsville.
2. Humane Hose Company, Pottsville.
3. Young America Engine Co., Pottsville.
4. State Capital Band, Harrisburg.
5. Citizens Engine Co., Harrisburg.
6. Pottsville Cornet Band, Pottsville.
7. Junior Engine Co., Reading.
8. Good Intent Engine Co., Pottsville.
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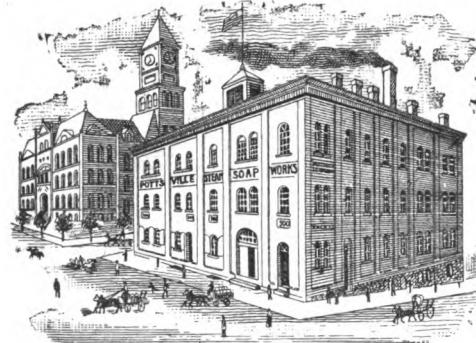
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partment, and exhibited the fact that it is in an effective condition. During its passage through the streets, the line looked quite brilliant, and was witnessed by throngs of spectators. At an early hour it dismissed in Market Square. In the evening the Good Intent Engine Company gave a ball at the Town Hall in honor of the visiting firemen. It was a most successful affair."

The following day the visiting firemen departed for their respective homes, having made a favorable impression upon our citizens. While here they received every attention which was in the power of the Good Intent Engine Co. to pay them.

October 8, 1859, the Independence Fire Company, of Philadelphia, came to Pottsville on a visit. They numbered forty-six men and were accompanied by the Liberty Cornet Band, numbering seventeen men. The members of the company wore light fire coats, New York style fire hats, red shirts with the figure 39 on the breast, and black pantaloons. The visiting company were received at the depot by the Hydraulian and Good Intent, having for its marshal, J. R. Culley, a member of the Fairmount Fire Company, of Philadelphia, Pa. After a parade through our streets, the company was escorted to its quarters at the Pottsville House. In the evening they attended a ball given in their honor at the Town Hall. The following day the Good Intent and the Independence had a trial of the power of their respective engines at the pole, corner of Centre and Mahantongo streets. It seemed that they were about equal with a shade in favor of the former company.

Nov. 3, 1859, a delegation of the Good Intent Fire Company visited Harrisburg this week to be present at the parade of the department, which came off on Tuesday. They were the guests of the Citizens' Fire Company, of that borough, and on Tuesday evening were entertained hospitably at the Walnut Street Exchange. They were much pleased with their visit and entertainment.

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PETITION.

To the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Schuylkill County:

The petition of the subscribers, citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, forming and composing the "Good Intent Fire Company, No. 1, of Pottsville," in the Borough of Pottsville, County of Schuylkill, and State aforesaid, respectfully showeth: That whereas, having associated ourselves together for the purpose of preventing the destruction of life and property by fire, and being desirous of acquiring the powers and immunities of a body politic in law, according to the form of the Act of Assembly, passed the thirteenth day of October, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and forty, do hereby declare that we have associated ourselves together for the purposes aforesaid, by the name, style, title and under the conditions expressed in the Instrument hereunto annexed, and do therefore pray your Honorable Court to grant said powers and immunities, as prescribed by said Act of Assembly, and your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray, &c.

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**Pottsville, Pa.**

The following is a copy of exceptions filed with the Court, 5th December, 1859:

In the Court of Common Pleas of Schuylkill County:

Exception to the Incorporation of an association of men under the name of the Good Intent Fire Company, "No. 1," of Pottsville. The Hydraulian Fire Company, by their Attorney, Geo. H. Clay, except to the incorporation of the above association, under the full name as they pray to be called, because a part of the proposed name, to wit, "No. 1," may lead to a dispute between the exceptant and the proposed association. The exceptant is led to believe that "No. 1," mentioned as a part of the proposed name is mentioned to express the idea that they are the oldest association of firemen in the said Borough, which might give preferences to them in position in parades and other public gatherings of the fire companies of the said Borough, when the truth is that the exceptant is the oldest association of firemen in the said Borough, and always have been recognized as such. If incorporated by the whole name as proposed, breaches of the peace and other violations of law might ensue in a contest as to the meaning of the term "No. 1."

Schuylkill County, ss.

John Power on his solemn oath, saith that he is President of the Hydraulian Fire Company, of the said Borough, and that the facts above stated are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Sworn and subscribed before me,

the 5th December, 1859.

Daniel H. Shoener,

Prothonotary. JOHN P. POWER.

On February, 1860, the Court overruled the exceptions and the charter was granted. The following is a copy of the order:

In the court of Common Pleas of Schuylkill County:

In the matter of the Incorporation of the (L. S.) "Good Intent Fire Company, No. 1, of Pottsville," and now to wit: February 2, 1860, the ar-

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ticles of the Incorporation of the "Good Intent Fire Company, No. 1, of Pottsville," having been heretofore to wit: on the fifth day of September, 1859, filed in the office of the Prothonotary of the said Court, and proof of publication and notice according to law, having been made, and the exceptions thereto filed having been overruled by said Court, on motion of Lin Bartholomew for the applicants, it is declared and decreed, that the persons so associated under the above articles, shall according to the articles and conditions in the above instrument set forth, become and be a corporation or body politic in law, and that said Charter of Incorporation shall be recorded in the office for recording of deeds, in and for said County of Schuylkill.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, the day and year aforesaid.

DANIEL H. SHOENER,  
Prothonotary.

Schuylkill County, ss.

Recorded, February 10, A. D., 1860, in the (L. S.) office for recording Deeds, &c., in and for said County, in Miscellaneous Book Number 8, page 158, &c.

Witness my hand and seal of said office, at Pottsville, the day and year aforesaid.

LEVI HUBER,  
Recorder.

On May 8, 1861, the following preamble and resolutions were offered by Mr. Wm. B. Severn, and were unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, A large number of the active members of the Good Intent Fire Co., No. 1, of Pottsville, have enlisted in the ranks of the defenders of our Government in response to the call of the President of the United States and marched to defend the National Capitol against rebels; therefore

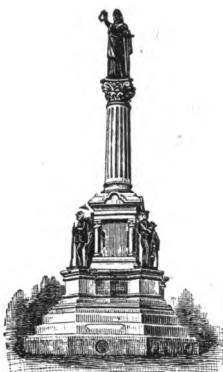
Resolved, That their names be entered on the min-

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utes with their respective offices, if any they hold; and further be it

Resolved, That an order be granted to each and EVERY MEMBER SO LEAVING, for the amount of dues, &c., which may accrue during his term of enlistment;

Resolved, That orders be granted as above in favor of all members who may hereafter enlist.

#### NAMES.

of active members of the Good Intent Fire Company No. 1, of Pottsville, who enlisted and marched April 17, A. D. 1861, to defend the Government of the United States:

I. E. Severn, President,	Joseph A. Gilmour, Treas.,
E. L. Severn,	H. K. Downing,
Lamar S. Hay,	C. Christian,
C. J. Crosland,	J. Christian,
George W. Foltz,	T. J. Davies,
George Hartman,	D. Christian,
B. F. May,	Wm. Wren,
Samuel J. Dampman,	S. M. Ruch,
Samuel R. Russel,	Wm. J. McQuade,
William A. Maize,	L. J. Martin,
James Russel,	Chas. Russell,

Thomas Corby.

On motion, it was resolved, that in view of the absence of so many active members, we call upon the contributing members in case of fire, and that the secretary publish a notice in one town paper to that effect, and that contributing members will be furnished with keys.

Sept. 11, 1861, a resolution was passed as follows:  
"Resolved, That owing to the absence of a large majority of the active members of the company in the service of their country, the depressed state of finances and the general stagnation of business, each and every member be accredited with six months' dues, &c., on the books of the company from the first of September.

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That same meeting the following motion was made by Wm. H. Lessig, and passed:

That a committee, consisting of I. E. Severn, John Lessig, Samuel R. Russel, Wm. H. Lessig, Wm. B. Severn and Geo. Foltz, was appointed to procure a light rifled cannon for the company, the committee to draw on the treasurer for the funds.

On November 20, 1861, the committee reported the cannon furnished and in service. This cannon was taken into the war by the 96th Regt., P. V.

After the November 20th, 1861, meeting, the next meetings were held as follows: January 15, 1862; February 11, 1863; February 21, 1863; March 21, 1865; then in 1865, meetings were held regularly thereafter.

March 21, 1865, the company appointed a committee of three, Messrs. Gore, Hutchinson and Mortimer, to sell the old engine in view of purchasing a steam fire engine.

July 12, 1866, the committee was changed to the following: W. H. Gore, Saml. Russel, C. W. Schnerr, Chas. Kantner, Lin Bartholomew.

July 12, 1866, a committee was appointed to procure a third class steam fire engine. George Hopkins, Augustus Smith, M. V. B. Hutchinson, A. B. Cochran, W. H. Gore.

July 26, 1866, it was decided to purchase a third class Amoskeag steam fire engine, and the order was given to Mr. C. A. Luce, Agt.

August 1, 1866, the Rainbow Steam Fire Co. of Reading, was entertained by the Good Intent at Pottsville.

September 13, 1866, the following communication was sent to the company: "The Rainbow Steam Fire Engine Co., of the City of Reading, take this method of expressing their thanks to those who treated them so kindly during our recent visit to Pottsville.

"Resolved, That our thanks are due to the firemen of Pottsville for their kind reception of us on the evening of our arrival.

Resolved, That to the Good Intent Engine Company

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No. 1, (whose guests we were,) we are under everlasting obligations for the manner in which they treated us during our sojourn with them; that we shall never forget the inconveniences they placed themselves under to house our apparatus;

Resolved, That the pleasure the picnic given by the Good Intent afforded us, will ever be remembered as one of the most pleasant events of our lives;

Resolved, That we shall never forget the bright smiles of the ladies of Pottsville and the beautiful bouquets with which they presented us as we marched through the town;

Resolved, That our most sincere thanks are due to the Schuylkill Hydraulian Fire Company for the splendid collation, interspersed with barley water, which was set before us, at their house on the morning of the 2nd of August;

Resolved, That we do not wish to flatter, when we say that never in our lives did we experience such unalloyed pleasures as we did in this visit in which all seemed to unite in making our stay agreeable.

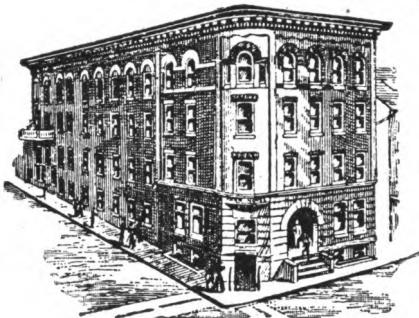
J. H. Hafer, James Levan, S. H. L. Kessler,  
F. D. Wanner, F. S. Bernhart,

Committee.

On Dec. 12, 1866, the Amoskeag engine, third size, No. 199, was received, and after being tested, was accepted by the company.

#### STEAMER CONTEST.

June 4, 1867. On Tuesday afternoon last, at Centre and Norwegian Sts., there was a contest between the Good Intent and Humane steamers, as to the power of each to throw a horizontal stream. The stakes were \$100 a side. The judges were, for Good Intent, Asa Smith, of Pottsville; for Humane, Capt. Lawrence, of Minersville, with H. A. Nichols, of Pottsville, as referee. The contest attracted a large number of persons to witness it, and excited considerable interest. The Good Intent allowed the Humane five feet. Both engines played remarkably well,



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but the Good Intent proved victorious by seven feet. The distance thrown by each engine through an inch and an eighth nozzle, was as follows:

Good Intent..... 232½ feet.

Humane..... 220½ feet.

For years the company occupied the lot on the south side of Goforth alley on Fifth street. The surface showed some signs of caving in owing to some old mine workings, and steps were taken to move to the north side of Goforth alley. And on the 12th September, 1867, the company passed the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the company agrees to take down the house now occupied by them, and that we will save all the material that can possibly be saved, clean the bricks, dig the foundation and do all the excavating that may be necessary, and do all in our power to rebuild the house with as little expense as possible to the borough."

Oct. 24, 1867. The committee on plans for the new house reported a plan submitted by council, and after considerable discussion, that plan was not accepted. That same evening, Messrs. Wm. Gore and Saml. Russel were added to the original committee, which was composed of the following: Chas. Kantner, Chas. Schnerr, S. Reilley, S. Ruch, A. B. Cochran. Under this committee the new building was completed.

March 12, 1870, the company placed an order for a new hose carriage with Mr. D. G. Matthews.

May 23, 1870, the company decided to add the beneficial features to the organization, and set aside \$100 as a beginning of the fund.

July 18, 1870, the new hose carriage was received and put in service.

August 1, 1870, the company purchased a picture frame to hold the pictures of sixty members, paying \$100 for it.

September 26, 1870, the first order for sick benefits was drawn on the treasurer.

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May 29, 1871, the company participated in the large German Peace Jubilee parade. Captain Martin Eichorn fired a salute from the battery on the morning of that date.

Sunday, April 14, 1872, Chas. Ewing, a member of the company, was killed on Market St., below Fifth, while running to the Sanderson street fire. He had hold of the tongue, when one of the engine wheels struck a dirt ridge left by pipe layers, and he was thrown to the ground, one of the hind wheels passing over his head, shattering his skull. Deceased was a soldier in the Civil War, being a corporal in Co. K, 67th Regt., Penna. Vols. He was severely wounded at the battle of Cold Harbor; he was subsequently on the police force of the borough, and at the time of his death was constable of the South ward. He was a young man in the prime and vigor of life, and an active member of the company.

His remains were interred on Wednesday afternoon, April 17, in the Presbyterian cemetery. Services were conducted by Rev. Sembower, of the Baptist Church. The following organizations accompanied the remains to their last resting place: Jones' Cornet Band, the Gowen Guards, Pottsville Light Infantry, American Hose Co., No. 2, Phoenix Hose and Hook and Ladder Co., No. 2, Humane Steam Fire Engine Co., No. 1, Good Intent Fire Engine Co., No. 1, and members of the 67th Regt., P. V. The flags on the engine houses were displayed at half mast, and the fire alarm bell was tolled during the passage of the cortege from the house to the cemetery.

July 28, 1873. The following were elected as the first Fire Trustees: E. C. Baird, C. W. Bushar and John F. Muth.

September, 1873. The engine was taken out to Glendower colliery to fight fire in a terrific thunder storm.

January 19, 1874. Library of the company was begun.

October 20, 1874, a committee was sent to Williamsport, Pa., to purchase a pair of horses belonging to the

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Independent Fire Co. The committee was composed of S. R. Russel and E. P. Lewis. At that time the department in Williamsport was changed into a paid department.

November 17, 1874. Martin Eichorn was elected driver.

May 29, 1875, the company participated in the ceremonies of the unveiling of the monument to Mr. E. C. Baird in the Charles Baber cemetery.

September 14, 1875, the Good Intent Fire Co., No. 1, kept open house and entertained and furnished meals to six full companies of the National Guard on the occasion of an inspection which took place in Pottsville.

January 31, 1876. Soon after the Academy of Music was opened, a marionette performance was given under the auspices of the company. The newspaper article was as follows: "The largest audience ever assembled in the new Academy of Music greeted the performance given by the marionette troupe last evening, and we had anticipated a great deal, but our expectations were more than realized. The combination consists of nearly one hundred figures, who go through their different parts in a life-like manner; their naturalness is really wonderful and at times we forgot that we were in the presence of automatons, guided through their performances by the aid of wires skilfully manipulated by those behind the scenes, and imagined we were witnessing a play in which men and women were really players. The first part of the program embraced Ethiopian songs, jokes and dances, and was well performed. Then followed a carnival of variety acts, some of which were very funny. The most pleasant feature of the evening was the pantomime of "Little Red Riding Hood," during which the audience, old and young, were kept in a roar of laughter. These two performances netted the company six hundred and fifty-two dollars and sixty cents.

March 7, 1876, the company presented Mr. Samuel Russel a First Defenders' medal made of gold, as a token of their esteem.

For years it was customary for the company to hold an annual ball. Costumers from Philadelphia were employed to assist in costuming the characters in the grand march, and on numerous occasions bunting and flags were obtained from outside parties, and much time and expense was given to the decoration of Union Hall on these occasions. The ball held April 17th, 1876, was a great affair, and is described as follows: "The Goodies' Carnival." "This afternoon our streets were fairly alive with people anxious to see the Grand Carnival Parade, gotten up by the Good Intent Fire Co., No. 1. The occasion had been long looked forward to with anxious expectation by hosts of fun-loving people, and we think we can say that the carnival was even more than was anticipated. The procession formed on Market Square, and at two o'clock, moved over the route published on Saturday. It is utterly impossible for us to give a complete description of it. There was so much to admire and so much to laugh at. The female band, the minstrels, the allegorical representations of Penn's Treaty with the Indians, the three-legged man, the Mulligan Guards, the Goddess of Liberty, a white-washed sulky with an Arabian steed, cow bellogians, the Bungtown serenaders, Tammany rings, and hosts of other characters too numerous to mention, as the circus bills say, made up a sight such as Pottsville never before witnessed. All over the route of parade the procession was greeted with shouts of laughter, and we never saw a whole town so convulsed with laughter as ours was yesterday. Poor Bolivar, the trained elephant, became weary and was taken back to the engine house where he was carefully taken apart, and the different members of his body stood on the curbstone and laughed at the amusing procession as it passed. While the procession was passing through Morris' Addition, one of the bass drummers of the female band tried to step over a cart load of our sacred soil, which had been scraped from the street. His attempt was a sig-

nal failure, and he landed in the gutter on his back with the drum pointing heavenwards. He was lifted to his feet by two other bass drummers, and the band moved on. Further up the street a drunken man interfered with some of the characters, and was so persistent in his actions, that the spirit moved Wm. Penn, who was busily engaged in buying the State of Pennsylvania for a bottle of whiskey and a plug of tobacco, to get down from the wagon and put a head on the drunken offender. We are afraid that the peaceful William used very emphatic language, and we are not sure whether his attack in squelching the disturber of his peaceful negotiations with the noble red men was exactly according to Hoyle. The carnival in all particulars was a decided success, and the Goodies have the satisfaction of knowing that their efforts to please are fully appreciated. So much for the street parade. The ball is described as follows: "Seldom, if ever, has a ball been given in this place that reached the magnitude and interest of the Goodies' Thirtieth Annual, which was given this evening. Union Hall was resplendent with the most brilliant and elaborate decorations. The ceiling and walls were covered with bunting and the national colors, while festoons of evergreens and flowers were hung around the room in profusion. The stage was beautifully decorated with flags and evergreens, and all around it was a bank of mountain moss in which were hundreds of tropical and hot house plants and flowers in full bloom, the perfume of which was delightful. Jones' full cornet band, in uniform, furnished the music, and they never performed better. Everywhere throughout the ball-room were Centennial emblems and characters; suspended from the ceiling was an immense liberty bell of perfect shape and proportion, made of American flags, and trimmed with evergreen, Chinese lanterns and revolving globes, composed of miniature flags, were hung around the walls and ceiling in large numbers, and lent an additional charm to the beauty

of the decorations. Shortly before the Grand Carnival March, order was called, and John A. Nash, Esq., mounted the stage and in a brief address stated that he had been called upon by the Phoenix Fire Company to present to the Good Intent Fire Co., as a testimonial of their brotherly love and esteem, a handsome walnut chair, upholstered with finest crimson silk. The present was received on behalf of the "Goodies," by D. C. Henning, Esq., who in his usual happy style acknowledged the gift and paid the Phoenix boys a very high compliment, after which three rousing cheers were given for each company. At twelve o'clock the band struck up the Grand March, and the Grand Carnival procession filed out of the ante-rooms into the main hall, and went through all the pleasing and intricate evolutions of the Grand March. The sight was very amusing and the march was pronounced by all present to be the crowning feature of the evening. The floor was crowded as it never was before, and although the dancers had but little room they enjoyed themselves hugely. The festivities were kept up until five o'clock in the morning, and the thirtieth annual was decidedly the finest ball ever given by the "Goodies."

May, 1876. Hon. O. P. Bechtel presented the company with Bates' History of Penna. Volunteers.

July, 1876. The old mill oil painting and three others were purchased.

September 6, 1876. The company participated in the Volunteer Fire Department parade at Philadelphia.

November, 1877. The Buckley & Merritt new carriage was received. Cost, \$600.

May, 1878. The five volumes of Harpers' Weekly, 1861-1865, were bought.

December, 1880. C. W. Bushar was sent to Reading, Pa., as delegate to the first convention of volunteer firemen.

April 26, 1881. At this meeting the thanks of the company were tendered to Mr. P. W. Sheaffer, who kindly offered the use of the books of the Athaenaeum to the members of this company.

July, 1881. Council appropriated \$2,000 to purchase the Leib lot, corner of Second St. and Goforth alley, for a site for the new engine house.

The corner stone of the new engine house was laid Saturday evening, June 17th, 1882. The announcement of this event had the effect of drawing a large crowd to the vicinity of the site of the new building. The members of the company turned out en masse, headed by the West End Band, which furnished the music for the occasion. The Borough Council was well represented, and the setting of the stone was done in the presence of the official heads of the borough. The work of setting the stone was done by W. Taliesin Jones and Geo. W. Taylor, members of the company. In the box deposited in the stone, the following articles were placed: "Latest edition of the borough ordinances; copy of council proceedings relative to the building; list of officers and members of the company from its organization, witnessed by Geo. W. Taylor, President; C. W. Bushar, Secretary, and Jno. F. Bushar, Financial Secretary; a piece of the spoke of wheel which caused Charles Ewing's death, April 5th, 1872; circular of change of headquarters of the second geological survey of the Anthracite coal fields to Pottsville; badge No. 64, Pottsville Fire Department; jimmy and medal, by William Kalbach; key of old engine house, by Geo. W. Rhoads; Special Deputy United States Marshal's badge, by Harry Howard; list of corporate officers of the borough, police, &c.; trade dollar, 1876, by Martin Kaefer, of the American Hose Co.; Professor Becker's card; a copy of the Tamaqua Anthracite Journal of July, 1868, printed in red, white and blue, by R. L. Leyburn; an assortment of small coins; a

piece of the battle flag of the 96th Regt., P. V., by Geo. W. Foltz, who was shot under it.

After the stone had been laid, D. C. Henning, Esq., made a brief address to the assembled crowd. He spoke substantially as follows: "In the presence of this vast concourse of people, in the name of the Good Intent Fire Co., No. 1, of Pottsville, and the members thereof; to the honor of the officers and citizens of the Borough of Pottsville, and by the grace of the Great Architect of the universe, let the structure be dedicated to the cause of the people, the preservation of their lives and their property. In this spirit and with this end in view, we here deposit in the corner stone of this edifice the records and memoirs of the past history of our borough, so that future generations may see and know the works of our good people and the motives which prompted them. Many years ago, there was established in this borough the Good Intent Fire Co. Its members were few, its apparatus crude, but as time wore on and our beautiful town progressed, so did this company progress; and now it stands among the foremost volunteer fire organizations in the Commonwealth. I speak of this, because we wish to guarantee to the President of Town Council, the members thereof, and the citizens of our borough, that the trust reposed in this company by our people shall be faithfully and religiously kept. By the experience of the past are we to judge of the future. Need I call to mind the past history of this company and its membership, not alone local patriots in the cause for which they enlisted in this organization, but rising to the occasion when their country called them they flew to her rescue. The history of the glory of these men is recorded in the annals of our country. Their names and their cause will never die; their cause was liberty, and their names will live forever. Many of them went to return no more; among them, Major Gilmour, the Severns, our Hutchinson, Maize, and many others, whose names shall remain

green in our hearts forever. This history, with that of the history of duty performed, must be to you the earnest of this company, for the faithful performance of their duty to our people and our country in the future. As a member of this company, and speaking for it and its members, we desire to thank you for the consideration you have shown us and the confidence you have reposed in us, and we look upon it not alone as a recognition of our company, but as a recognition of our entire volunteer fire department, which today stands second to none, in the State of Pennsylvania. The people may congratulate themselves upon this evidence of their prosperity and upon the protection that their offices afford them in faithfully performing their duties, and in their laudable endeavors to protect life and property in our midst. To them the thanks of this company are due, and are now cheerfully given, and to the people who have supported us we say, Welcome to this testimonial, to the rise and progress of our beautiful town."

On Wednesday night, November 29th, 1882, the company took possession of their new engine house at the corner of Second street and Goforth alley, with elaborate and interesting ceremonies. About seven o'clock the members of the company, with their apparatus, paraded the town bearing torches and sending up fireworks, to the martial strains of the West End Band. The effect of the fireworks on the snow was really beautiful. The principal streets were traversed and the procession wended its way to the new house, which was formally entered. The company was at once invited to the parlor, where with their guests, the borough officials, press representatives and a few others, they sat down to four long tables groaning under the weight of the delicacies of the season. Before the attack began, D. C. Henning, Esq., on behalf of the company, bid their guests welcome. He said, this company has been a suppliant for many years for those necessaries which were required in the discharge of their

duty as good firemen. Having secured what it asked, it now has the honor of being the host of council and the citizens. The company feels great pride in offering the officials and private citizens the hospitalities of the season. The host is not without honor. A company ranking among the oldest in the Commonwealth; a company whose apparatus is manned by men who have been weighed and not found wanting; a company who not only as firemen, but as soldiers, have borne the brunt of battle which secured to us the liberties we enjoy as a nation. I am not speaking vauntingly, because the men of whom I speak, now more particularly, have gone to their last long home; their bones lie bleached on many a southern battle field. Those who remain and those who follow, cherish the sentiments that inspired them, and endeavor to emulate the example they left. This is the character of your host. I am not here to say this is the best fire company in the town, but I am here to affirm that the trust reposed in it by the people of Pottsville, through their officials, will be faithfully kept. It is only necessary to point to the forty years' history of this company as a guarantee of this, and though there remain but few of the original charter members, the confidence reposed in them at the date of their organization will not be misplaced in their successors.

This new building stands on sacred ground; here, for many years some of our best people met and worshipped. They made it sacred to the saving of souls, but I know that their zeal in that respect was not greater than will be the efforts of this company to save life and property. Whenever duty calls we will be there. We have never been recreant to our motto, "To do Good, is our Intent."

While the band played, the provisions were stored away, a liberal allowance finding its way beneath each vest. When all had been satisfied, W. J. Whitehouse, Esq., read letters from Hon. D. B. Green, Hon. C. N. Brummi and John L. Pott. George R. Kaercher, Esq., was then called



Charles E. Emhardt, President.

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on for a speech. He said he was at a loss to know why so many members of the Bar were invited to a firemen's banquet. He had about come to the conclusion that the profession is supposed to have a very warm future place in view. This is a popular delusion however, but it will do no harm to become acquainted with a well regulated fire company. The best insurance policy is a good fire company. When our people hear the "Goodies," and the Humane, and the Phoenix, and the American, and the Atkins, and the Good Will go rolling by at night on their way to battle with the flames, they say: "There goes the boys; its all right now; let's go to sleep again," and the next day they read in the papers that the fire was put out before it got a start. Of one thing our people are justly proud, and that is their fire department. The people of Pottsville have always been in the front rank in response to the call of duty. It will go down to the remotest ages that the First Defenders came from this town. I hope, and wish, and believe that in the future, they will be in the front rank whenever honor and duty shall call.

Thos. A. Reilly, President of Council, in a few brief remarks, congratulated the company on the completion of the building. He hoped they would appreciate and take care of it, promising the further assistance of council in time of need, if this trust shall be well kept.

George M. Roads, Esq., made a happy speech, in which he said some complimentary things about the company.

Chief Engineer B. B. McCool made an address of practical value. He said council had not done more than the company had a right to ask, though nearly one-third of the tax duplicate had been spent on the building, not one dollar of it was wasted. Fifty years ago council wrangled over the purchase of a few leather buckets, and later on, when they magnanimously lent a company of young men a few hundred dollars to build a house, they

exacted interest from them. The ban of rowdyism was then against firemen. A new civilization has sprung up since then, and that ban is removed. Firemen have twelve States and National fire associations. In our own State the association is demanding legislation. They ask that the tax on foreign insurance companies' premiums paid in each town shall be appropriated to the fire department of that town. They ask that disabled firemen be pensioned; that deceased firemen be buried, and they mean to show the world that rowdyism is extinct. The history of this company is an evidence of that. Speaking officially, he said the other companies of town had the right to expect as good a house as this, and from what he knew of the Good Intent, nobody will be better pleased than they, when the other companies get their deserts.

Music filled in a gap and Judge Bechtel was called on. He said he had not known before that so many members of the Bar were firemen. He was now able to account for the numerous fiery arguments in court. He congratulated the borough on the fact that the merits of the firemen were being recognized, and the company on its new house.

Mr. William Kennedy, of the "Chronicle," gave some of his experiences as a fireman. He said that no higher type of heroism could be presented than the firemen battling the elements to save life and property at the risk and often sacrifice of his own life. He mentioned a number of illustrious men who were firemen in their days, including George Washington, who was Chief of a Bucket Brigade, at Alexandria, Va., and used to "whoop 'em up," with Patrick Henry and the rest of the boys. Thad. Stevens and James Buchanan were presidents of rival fire companies, at Lancaster, and the rivalry there commenced and continued throughout their lives. He illustrated by anecdotes the difference between the primitive bucket brigade and the organized departments. Referring to the motto, he said, that while the place to which "Bob" Ingersoll showed

such an antipathy is paved with good intentions, there can be no nobler object in life than to do good, and he trusted that the motto of this company would not lead its members downward, but upwards, and to that place where fire departments will be unnecessary.

The festivities and speech making were kept up to a late hour, and when the adjournment did come, the members of the company departed in good humor with the borough, the council, the house, the banquet and themselves.

January 9, 1883, the Buckley & Merritt carriage was sold to W. W. Wunder, of Reading, Pa.

May, 1883, the company received the spider carriage, built by W. W. Wunder.

May 28, 1883, the company entered into a contract with the Manchester Locomotive Works for a third class steam fire engine. The committee acting for the company was composed of Edward Cake, C. W. Bushar, John S. Helms and Geo. A. Becker.

July 4, 1883. A grand gift concert was held at People's Railway Park.

July, 1883, the company entered into a contract with the Manchester Locomotive Works for a hose truck.

July, 1883, the new engine was received and the committee reported that it came up to the requirements as stated in the contract.

On Saturday, July 28th, 1883, about 150 members of the Good Intent Fire Company, headed by the Third Brigade Band and followed by the hose carriage, two steamers and plenty of ammunition wagons, paraded from the company's house down Market and Centre, and out Tumbling Run valley to Humane Island, to spend the day in the woods. The old and new engines were decorated with transparencies, on which were the following sentiments: On the old steamer, "Old Reliable, She Never Flinched;" "We Love Her Still;" "She Has Done Her

Duty and Will Do it Yet;" "Always in Order." The new steamer carried the following enthusiastic mottoes: "New Reliable, She Will Never be Found Wanting;" "Where the 'Goodies' Money Goes;" "Part of the Proceeds of the Gift Concert—Thanks to the Citizens;" "This is Our Pride."

When the boys started out in such enthusiastic style there was no reason to doubt that they would have a big time today. A trial of the new steamer will be made at four o'clock.

November, 1883, the truck was received from the Manchester Locomotive Works.

November 12, 1883, the company responded to the fire at Shenandoah with their engine and a two-wheeled hose truck.

March, 1884, the double and single setts of swinging harness were received.

May, 1884. Resolutions of thanks were received from the Council of Shenandoah and Columbia Hose and Steam Fire Engine Co., of that place.

September 17, 1885, the company participated in the Centennial celebration of the City of Harrisburg, Pa. They were the guests of the Washington Hose Co., No. 4. The State Firemen's Convention met at Harrisburg at this time.

September, 1885, the company drew up a set of resolutions thanking the Washington Hose Co., No. 4, and after having them beautifully engrossed, the copy of resolutions were forwarded to that company.

September, 1886, the company bought the Steinway Grand Piano at a cost of one thousand dollars.

October, 1886, the company sold their old Amoskeag engine to the Mountaineer Hose, of Minersville, Pa.

June 21, 1887. Trip made to Atlantic City, N. J., accompanied by the Third Brigade Band. This train was the first train to leave the new P. & R. R. station at Nor-

wegan and Railroad streets. The company was escorted through Philadelphia by a delegation of the Fairmount Fire Association. On the return to Philadelphia, after leaving Atlantic City, the Third Brigade Band, under Prof. J. I. Alexander, serenaded the Mayor at his office. The company was entertained by the Volunteer Active Firemen's Association, at their rooms.

February 28, 1888, the picture frame on the south wall of the sitting room was bought from W. S. Graham at a cost of \$75.

July, 1888. A committee was appointed to act with other committees from the several companies for the purpose of assisting in raising funds towards the Soldiers' Monument in Garfield square. A large picnic was held by the department at the Cressona Park, and the amount, something over seven hundred dollars, was donated to this object.

September 21, 1888. A reception and banquet was tendered the members of the Philadelphia Volunteer Active Association this evening at Centennial Hall. The Miners' Journal publishes the account, as follows:

The red shirted fire laddies who strolled through the streets sight-seeing yesterday morning, in tow of members of the Good Intent Fire Company, were the committee of the Volunteer Firemen's Active Association, of Philadelphia, returning from the Shamokin tournament. As a reciprocation for the open-hearted treatment of the Goodies some time ago, an old time Fireman's reception and banquet was proposed, to take place at Centennial Hall last evening. Hence the presence of the committee, which was composed as follows: J. H. Rohrbach, of the Neptune; Wm. Harper, of the Pennsylvania Hose; John Mead, Hibernia; James Fisher, Liberty Hose; W. R. Finch, Kensington; W. T. Daley, Liberty; Simon Snyder, Good Intent; Saml. Moullie, Schuylkill; James Lewis, Southwark; J. H. Anderson, George Brownell, Reliance; George

Guhlock, Good Will; Anthony Morin, Hibernia; James McManes, First Assistant Engineer, Gloucester, N. J.

At 8 o'clock in the evening a short street parade was made, headed by the Third Brigade Band. What the parade lacked in point of size it more than made up in enthusiasm. Crowds of people demonstrated their appreciation of the gallant firemen with hurrahs, fireworks, and every indication of interest.

The parade over, the visitors were hustled off to Centennial Hall, where decoration and tables laid for some two hundred met their gaze.

The tables were under the charge of Caterer Bauer, and were a pronounced success. Pyramids of fruit and bouquets of flowers furnished the visionary end of the feast, while the menu, which was elaborate, included everything substantial and delicate, solid and liquid that mortal man could wish for.

Many invited guests and honorary firemen were present, among whom were W. Ramsay Potts, J. A. M. Passmore, B. Bryson McCool, Baird Halberstadt, Daniel L. Krebs, Geo. M. Roads, C. Shumway, W. J. Whitehouse, H. H. Hoopes, Ed. Lewis, Geo. M. Bretz, C. F. Seltzer, P. D. Helms, S. M. Mortimer, R. H. Bergeman, James Aikman, D. C. Henning, Jas. Greenwood, representatives of the press and others.

The Third Brigade Band, under Adolph Kopp—well, everybody knows what they did and how they always do it.

At 10 o'clock President John Johnson called the meeting to order and introduced Capt. D. C. Henning, who in behalf of the Good Intent Company, formally welcomed the visitors.

He was followed by Jacob Rohrbach, Secretary of the Volunteer Association, who responded in a speech full of good, heartfelt wishes for the Pottsville boys. Calls for Capt. Anthony Morin; and when that veteran spoke of his experience here during the war when, as he said, he was

killed with kindness, and referred to the part taken in the war by the Fire Zouaves and other firemen organizations, he was given a perfect ovation. The veteran fireman, B. L. McCool, Esq., then gave a resume of the sphere and duties of a fireman, pointing to the fact that the morale of the organizations was of cardinal importance, and, after eulogizing the time honored company who were the hosts of the occasion, wound up by presenting to James McManes, of Gloucester, N. J., a handsome badge.

Mr. McManes, is a typical fireman, in words, in person and in ideas. He gave such a pointed, vigorous and pleasing speech, which by virtue of its sturdy ideas and common sense propositions, is destined to be long remembered.

Wm. Harper, of Philadelphia, spoke of the "privates" when the band took their places and at the call of duty the boys responded with such alacrity as would strike terror into the heart of a boarding house keeper. To the music they sat at the tables like famine at a church fair and made ready for the fray. In this case the firemen were the devouring elements, and it is needless to say that the firemen conquered. Chairman Johnson rapped for order and proposed the first toast, the Volunteer Firemen's Active Association, of Philadelphia, to which District Attorney Whitehouse responded in an address, replete with bright sallies, which was heartily applauded.

The Borough Council was responded to by P. D. Helms, who defined his position and complimented the firemen.

The Pottsville Fire Department was allotted to Geo. M. Roads, Esq., and at his hands the reputation of the boys for bravery, hospitality and a self-sacrificing spirit did not suffer.

One of the visitors was asked if he enjoyed himself and replied, "Well, I should smile," and after the smile had vanished, he launched forth into such praise of the

Goodies, their good nature, their good banquets and the good town of Pottsville, as would be sufficient to convince anyone that the visitors could not have enjoyed themselves more than at the hands of the Good Intent Fire Company.

October, 1888. Anthony Morin and a committee of the Volunteer Firemen's Active Association, presented the company with a large silver horn and some pictures of the members of their association.

March 31, 1892, the remains of Wm. Watson, a member, were buried from the engine house. The interment was made at Odd Fellows' Cemetery.

March, 1892. Company purchased a combination pool and billiard table for the use of the members.

September 22 and 23, 1892, the company entertained the Fairmount Hose Company, of Norristown, on their arrival from the State Firemen's Convention.

April 14, 1896. A motion was carried deciding to make the trip to Washington, D. C., on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the company.

#### FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

On Wednesday, September 23d, 1896, the company left for Washington on a special train made up of four B. & O. vestibule cars. The Third Brigade Band, of thirty-one members, accompanied the company on the trip. The following members participated:

#### HONORARY MEMBERS.

Samuel Mortimer,	August Boehmer,
Thomas Hicks,	Peter Jenning,
Charles Kantner,	D. C. Henning.

#### ACTIVE MEMBERS.

Frederick Gross,	A. Temple,
Frederick Krause,	A. L. Glass,
Charles Weismiller,	William Stevenson,
John McDonald,	Fred Lomnet,



**Samuel Gore, Vice President.**

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John Fisher,	William Speacht,
John Blankenhorn,	John Shaw,
George Schartel,	Harry Reiger,
William Hughes,	Samuel Gore,
G. W. Foltz,	William H. Bonsall,
John Owens,	G. W. Taylor,
C. P. Seiders,	Edward Cake,
H. Schilling,	W. W. Faust,
William Kalbach,	Edward E. Miller,
W. R. Pyle,	Harry Howard,
John Schmeltzer,	J. K. Philips,
Samuel Williams,	R. C. Howell,
Thomas H. Lowthert,	Harry Skelley,
Harry Keinzle.	James Cooper,
Charles F. Miller.	Harry Dewald,
John F. Bushar,	Peter Veith,
Charles E. Emhardt,	William Kleinert,
John Johnson,	John Foltz,
James Sterner,	Peter Hartman,
H. J. Boyer,	F. P. Meyer,
Jacob Scheafer,	J. W. Hill,
George B. Clouser,	William Soell, Jr.,
Adam Rausch,	Irvin Madara,
George Fisher,	O. St Clair,
Lewis Blankenhorn,	Thomas Williams,
Samuel Smith,	W. H. Parker,
G. W. Roads,	James Schreader, in Band,
Frederick D. Bushar,	Thomas Smith, in Band.

Part of three days was spent in the City of Washington. While there the members visited the Capitol Buildings, the White House and all other places of interest. A trip was made to Alexandria, Va., and a visit paid to Mt. Vernon, General Washington's old home. A very pleasant time was spent and everyone greatly enjoyed the visit and trip. On the way home the tourists stopped off at Philadelphia. They reached Pottsville at 9 o'clock, Sat-

urday, September 26th, 1896. We quote from the Miners' Journal of September 28, regarding the glorious reception given to the tourists by the Pottsville Fire Department and citizens generally, on their return home.

Good will, friendship and good fellowship marked the reception by the several fire companies of Pottsville and vicinity on the return Saturday evening of the Good Intent Company from their four days sojourn in Washington and Philadelphia, and the thousands of people who lined the streets to see them marching by in handsome uniforms and with Pennsylvania's finest band, welcomed them gladly and heartily, even if a big official in the Navy building did insult them and threaten to wet their suits and dampen their ardor with a common hose.

Their reception had been planned by several members who had been unable to participate in the trip. They made the company's home on Second street attractive with flags, festoons, lanterns and other decorations, and prepared a banquet for them and their friends. The other companies were invited to participate in the reception and courteously responded by sending uniformed representatives. In accordance with plans, the American Hose, the Phoenix, the Good Will, the Humane, the West End, of Pottsville, and the Good Will, of Port Carbon, with the Fourth Regiment Drum Corps and the Minersville Drum Corps, assembled near the Reading station to await the arrival of the 8:30 train. The gaiety of the uniforms, the burning torches, the bands and the assembled spectators, made a scene of life during the time of waiting that was made more stirring by the playing of the musical organizations.

As the travelers appeared on the platform of the station marching out in regular order, accompanied by the Third Brigade Band, there were hearty cheers from scores of voices. Their arrival on the street was the signal for the discharge of quantities of Roman candles in the hands of nearly every one of the receiving party. The air was

made brilliant by the starry sweeps of the colored meteors darting upwards in forty directions and leaving fiery trails in their wake. The reports of rockets was added to by the stirring airs of the bands and the shouts of the people.

Such was the reception of the gallant Good Intent.

The parade followed. All along the route did the lively scene continue, and at all points was the host tendered the same ovation. The march up Norwegian street was diverted at Centre where it was directed to Pennsylvania Hall. There was a countermarch to Minersville street and another to Market street, and thence to Second street and to the old building the Good Intent has so long known as home.

There the several fire companies were entertained for three or four hours. The banquet was bountiful and open to all. There the members of the several companies mingled, chatted and laughed and exchanged stories with as much ease as if they had been in their own houses, and this was the feeling the Good Intent wanted them to have.

In behalf of the several companies and the citizens, John Reber, of the Humane Company, made an eloquent address, in which he warmly welcomed the travelers home. His remarks were applauded.

#### MR. HENNING'S SPEECH.

The full story of the outrage, was given by Captain Henning in his address. It is as follows: George M. Roads, Esq., a member of the committee, wrote a letter to the committee in charge of the excursion, which was received on Thursday morning, asking them to serenade his friend, J. M. Stanton, Paymaster United States Army, located in the Army and Navy Building, and requested them to make the arrangements with Major Muhlenburg, United States Army, his chief of staff. They forthwith went to Major Muhlenburg and handed him this letter, who stated that he had received a letter from Mr. Roads

stating that a committee would wait on him, and to make the necessary arrangements. There were several other officers of the Army present and who were friends of General Stanton, and they agreed that the serenade should be a surprise to the General. The company, having had their photos taken on the Treasury steps, the committee with the band, and a number of firemen and Mr. D. C. Henning, returned to the Army and Navy building, it being the hour presented, 10 o'clock. The committee then conferred with Major Muhlenburg, and it was arranged that the band should take its position at the foot of the steps of the northern portico of the building, and after the play began, Major Muhlenburg and his army friends, were to escort the General to the head of the steps.

As soon as the band commenced to play, Engineer of the Navy, George W. Baird, superintendent of the building, rushed out and said that the music must stop, the band had no right to play there, and asked who was the spokesman of the party. Mr. Henning came hurriedly to him and said to him that this serenade had been arranged for at this place and this time by General Stanton's brother officers of the army as a serenade to him. He insolently replied; "I don't know General Stanton; take your band away, or I will turn the hose on them." Mr. Henning tried further to reason with him, as did also some of the officers of the army, but he rushed in through the door and would listen to none. Mr. Henning then called to the leader of the band to stop his music, and they all withdrew. The committee remained, however, for a while, and learned that all the officers of the army condemned the action of Mr. Baird. It should be stated that on the previous day, after the arrangement had been made for the serenade, Major Muhlenburg called at the office of Mr. Baird, not for the purpose of getting his consent, but to ask him if there would be any objection to having the serenade at that place. Mr. Baird was not in, but his chief

clerk conferred with him and stated that if there were any objections, he would let him know in the meantime. Mr. Muhlenburg stated that no such notice was given him, and therefore concluded that the matter was all agreed to.

At about one o'clock, Major Humphries, one of the officers who was present when the arrangement was made, called upon Mr. Henning to express to him the regret and the humiliation which the officers felt for the unfortunate occurrence, and requested him to accompany him to the office of Major Carson, the "J. M. C." of the Philadelphia Ledger, who, when they went there, stated his indignation and condemnation of the ungentlemanly and unbecoming conduct of Mr. Baird, and who insisted that Mr. Baird must be removed from that position, and also stated that he had met many of the officers of the army, and they all joined in condemning the act. He also stated that he called upon the Secretary of War, the Hon. Daniel Lamont, who concurred with him in his feelings of indignation at the conduct of this officer, and stated to him also, that Mr. Baird was an appointee of the Secretary of the Navy.

The officers of the army to further show their indignation at this outrage and their courtesy to the firemen tourists and their wives and ladies accompanying them, invited them all to visit the Arlington cemetery, under Major Humphries' charge, who provided barouches and carriages for all the party. He, in company with Col. Ainsworth and Mr. Henning, in his private carriage, accompanied the party to the grounds and extended to them every courtesy, presenting the ladies with the choicest bouquets from the conservatory. He tendered carriages for the entire excursion party, and many of the tourists being away from their hotel, missed the opportunity, and so their carriages were returned back to the stable, because they were not needed.

In every way possible, Colonel Ainsworth and Major Humphreys and their friends, made the tourists feel that

they were their especial guests, and they devoted their whole time during that day to the entertainment of the excursion party.

It can safely be said that no civic excursion ever visited Washington that received such distinguished and courteous attention from the officers of the army as did that of the Good Intent Fire Company No. 1.

The tourists were informed that the action of Mr. Baird was condemned by the officers of the army and the residents of the city alike, and that his removal will be demanded. Any humiliation that any of the members of the fire company felt, was all removed by the proper and courteous action of the gentlemen we have herein named and their friends, and the greatest pleasure they derived from their tour was through the courtesy of these gentlemen.

In everything that was done by the members of the band or company, not an impolite word was spoken, nor an improper action taken.

General Stanton and his staff, and a number of other officers, called upon the members of the fire company on Friday evening, and were their guests in the parlors of the hotel for several hours, during which time the band gave the General the serenade which was obstructed by Mr. Baird in the morning.

The encomiums of the band were many—cheered to the echo.

The Washington Post, of Saturday, referring to this outrageous occurrence, says:

"It may not be often that Chief Engineer George W. Baird, United States Navy, has the opportunity to exercise his authority as Superintendent of the State, War and Navy Department building on an important occasion, but he seized one yesterday and exercised it with a vengeance, and that, too, against one of the most honorable bodies of men that has ever visited the Capitol. As a result, the members of the Good Intent Engine Company, of Potts-

ville, Pa., many of whom were among the first defenders of the nation, are quite indignant at what they deem a serious breach of courtesy on Engineer Baird's part. Incidentally, Gen. Stanton lost the pleasure of a serenade with which he was about to be honored. The Good Intent Company, with the finest band in the State of Pennsylvania, were snubbed and dismissed as unceremoniously as if they had been 'a leetle German band,' which the superintendent feared might distract the attention of the clerks from their work.

"When the Pottsville veterans and the younger men, who aid in keeping up their old and respected organization determined to visit Washington, they were fully prepared for an excursion in which there would be not the slightest thing to mar their enjoyment. They came, 160 of them, on a special train, and had laid out a snug sum of money from their treasury wherewith to entertain their friends and have a good time themselves. The veterans pride themselves on the band attached to their organization, which was once a part of the Ninety-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers, for it is the Third Brigade Band, and considered by National Guardsmen of the Keystone State, as the best in the militia."

It is due to Captain Henning to say that the Good Intent Fire Company, who have been seen in regard to this unpleasant episode in the company's visit, express their gratification at the presence of Captain Henning, and entire satisfaction at the manner in which he came to their rescue and succeeded in placing them in a proper position. His conduct, they say, was that of a gentleman, and stood in bold contrast to that of an officer of the navy, who should have set the example of gentlemanly courtesy.

On Tuesday evening, September 28th, 1896, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously passed and copies of the same were sent to each of the Fire Companies, of Pottsville.

Whereas, The Good Intent Fire Company was extended a welcome home from its return to the Capitol, at Washington, in commemoration of its Fiftieth Anniversary, by the Pottsville Fire Department, on Saturday evening, September 20th instant, by an ovation exceeding in numbers, beauty and grandeur any public event of its kind that ever took place in the Borough of Pottsville, therefore be it

Resolved, That we tender our most sincere thanks to those members of our sister fire companies, whose neighborly and patriotic feelings prompted them to bring about the finest and grandest ovation for a welcome home ever presented upon the streets of Pottsville.

Resolved, That we are under the most grateful and everlasting obligations to the members of the Humane Fire Company, the American Hose Company, the Phoenix Fire Co., the Good Will Hose Company and the West End Hose Company, for the welcome home extended to us upon our arrival at Pottsville, for the magnificent parade extended to us, and for their most honorable escort to us on our march through the streets of Pottsville, and to our engine house; and we say that this brotherly feeling extended to us is an evidence of the good will and of the golden chain of friendship that binds our several organizations together, making us one of the grandest and most powerful fire organizations in the State of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That we feel overwhelmed with pride and gratification at the monstrous outpouring of the people of Pottsville and the surrounding towns, and county, upon this occasion, for this evidence of their respect and admiration for us we tender to them our most sincere and hearty thanks, and we say to them, that in their honoring us, they have ennobled our cause and have made us feel more proud than ever of our organization, and of the Fire Department, of Pottsville, to which we belong.

Resolved, That our thanks are due to the respective



**Samuel Mortimer.**  
**(See Sketch Page 95.)**



musical organizations, and to all others who contributed to make our home coming the grandest event in the history of our town.

July 15, 1897. A trolley ride was given the company by the Schuylkill Electric Railway Co. The route was from Union street to Minersville, then to Yorkville, to St. Clair, to Tumbling Run, and then to Union street. It was participated in by sixty-five members, and was thoroughly enjoyed.

September 6, 1897, Labor Day. A picnic was held at Ploppert's Park, Yorkville; previously, the department paraded and witnessed the dedication of the West End Hose Co.'s House.

October 7, 1897. State Firemen's Convention was held at Wilkes-Barre. The company attended the convention and participated in the parade.

April 26, 1898, the following resolutions were passed at a regular meeting:

"Whereas, A number of the active members of our company have already enlisted in the Pennsylvania National Guard, and others have offered themselves as volunteers in response to the call of the President, and about to march in the defense of the country's flag and honor, be it

Resolved, That the names of these members be entered on the minutes of the company with their respective offices attached; that they be exonerated from dues to this company for the period spent in the service of the United States Army or Navy; that they further be entitled to the benefits of this company in sickness and death, precisely the same as if they were at home pursuing their usual occupations;

Resolved, That the advantage of the foregoing resolution be extended to those members of the company who,

hereafter, shall decide to bear arms in defense of Free Cuba and our National honor.

The following members participated in the Spanish-American War:

John Owens, Captain Co. H, 8th Regt., P. V.

F. D. Bushar, 2nd Corporal, Co. H, 8th Regt., P. V.

Edward Miller, Private, Co. H, 8th Regt., P. V.

William Mertz, Quartermaster Sergeant, Co. F, 4th Regt., P. V.

George J. Fisher, Private, Co. H, 8th Regt., P. V.

Baird Halberstadt, Quartermaster, 4th Regt., P. V.

July 29, 1898. A large bunting flag was raised over the engine house with appropriate ceremonies.

September 4, 1899, Labor Day. The company participated in the parade at Minersville, Pa., and were presented with a prize of \$25.00 for having the greatest number of men in line.

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## LIST OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

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Boehmer, A. H.,

Cochran, A. B.,

Christian, John,

Dampman, Samuel,

Henning, D. C.,

Hicks, Thomas,

Hay, Lamar,

Halberstadt, Baird,

Jennings, Peter,

Kantner, Charles,

Lessig, Wm. H.,

Mortimer, Samuel M.,

Ruch, Samuel,

Reilly, Bernard,

Reed, Robert,

Shumway, C. S.,

Silliman, Morgan,

Whitman, Charles.

## ACTIVE MEMBERS--1899.

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Bushar, John F.,  
Bonsall, William H.,  
Bray, William P.,  
Blankenhorn, John,  
Blankenhorn, Jacob,  
Blankenhorn, Lewis,  
Blankenhorn, William,  
Bushar, Fred. D.,  
Bearstler, Frank,  
Boyer, Heister J.,  
Bushar, Frederick, 2nd,  
Bardsley, William T.,  
Billman, E.,  
Cake, Edward,  
Cooch, Francis L.,  
Cruikshanks, Richard,  
Clouser, Edward,  
Clouser, George B.,  
Cooper, James,  
Derr, Joseph W.,  
Dewald, Harry,  
Emhardt, Chas. E.,  
Eichorn, Martin,  
Foltz, George W.,  
Foltz, John T.,  
Faust, William W.,  
Fisher, John,  
Fisher, George J.,  
Faulls, John,  
Faulls, William H.,  
Fox, George,  
Gore, Samuel,  
Goetz, Lewis,  
Gross, Ernst,  
Gross, Frederick,  
Glass, A. L.,  
Gross, Gillmore,  
Greenwood, Howard,  
Herbrick, Charles,  
Howard, Harry,  
Hughes, William,  
Helms, Robert,  
Hill, J. Walter,  
Hartman, Peter,  
Howell, R. C.,  
Hamilton, Robert,  
Johnson, John,  
Jones, W. T.,  
Kleinert, William,  
Kalbach, William,  
Kraus, William,  
Kraus, Frederick,  
Keinzle, Harry,  
Keinzle, Charles,  
Kohler, John,  
Kramer, William L.,  
Lord, O. R.,  
Leib, Frank W.,  
Leib, James,  
Lomneth, Frederick,  
Lowthert, Thomas H.,  
Lambruskini, Joseph,  
Lomneth, Harry,  
Meiswinkel, Frederick,  
Miller, Edward E.,  
Miller, Charles F..

Meyer, Frank P.,  
Madara, Irvin,  
McDonald, John,  
Mertz, William P.,  
Meadows, Charles,  
Nichter, Clem.,  
Owens, John F.,  
Orf, Harry H.,  
Passmore, J. A. M.,  
Pyle, William R.,  
Palmer, Frank C.,  
Parton, Joseph,  
Philips, John K.,  
Roads, George W.,  
Roads, Geo. M.; Esq.,  
Reed, W. W.,  
Rausch, Adam,  
Richards, David,  
Reiger, Henry,  
Ruch, Harry,  
Reed, Aleck.,  
Shaw, John,  
Smith, Samuel,  
Schilling, John F.,  
Schilling, H. A.,  
Schmeltzer, John,  
Schmeltzer, Frank,  
Smith, Thomas,  
Schartel, George,  
Sheetz, B. Frank,  
Sheetz, William S.,  
Smith, George,  
Sterner, Charles,  
Sterner, James,  
Speacht, William,  
Scheafer, Jacob,  
St Clair, Oscar,  
Schimpf, Gottlieb, Jr.,  
Seiders, Charles P.,  
Scheafer, Levi,  
Snyder, Harry,  
Schreader, James A.,  
Scheerer, William F.,  
Soell, William, Jr.,  
Schmeltzer, Charles,  
Schartel, James,  
Skelly, Harry L.,  
Stoffregen, C. F.,  
Taylor, George W.,  
Thomas, Reese,  
Temple, Alexander M.,  
Veith, Peter,  
Williams, Thomas,  
Woll, Joseph,  
Williams, Charles,  
Weismiller, Charles,  
Womeldorf, Edward,  
Williams, Samuel,  
Williams, Thomas F.

Fryzell, Wm.—Elected a member after above names  
were in type form.

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## IN MEMORIAM.

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Aikman, John,  
Bartholomew, Lin, Hon.,  
Bushar, Charles W.,  
Becker, George A.,  
Baird, Edward C.,  
Boehm, Charles,  
Bowe, Albert,  
Bretz, George M.,  
Carter, John,  
Christian, Benjamin,  
Drifoss, Elias,  
Davis, E. F. C.,  
Diehm, Edward,  
Ewing, Charles,  
Evans, Clay,  
Fredericks, Edward,  
Foster, Jesse,  
Fox, Nicholas,  
Fernsler, William B.,  
Fisher, Edward,  
Glassmire, E. E.,  
Gilmour, Maj. Jos.,  
Gore, William H.,  
Hoeffer, William G.,  
Helms, John S.,  
Hutchinson, M. V. B.,  
Humrichausen, George,  
Kaercher, Franklin P.,  
Kline, George H.,  
Krebs, Daniel L.,  
Kaercher, Joseph,  
Lee, R. F.,  
Lindermuth, Charles,  
Lloyd, Reese,  
Martin, Maj. Lewis,  
Moore, Thomas,  
Muth, John F.,  
Mathewes, Moses,  
Rauechle, Charles,  
Rath, John,  
Reiger, Frank,  
Russel, Samuel R.,  
Scheafer, Charles,  
Strauch, D. B.,  
Stevenson, William,  
Snyder, Jackson,  
Schimpf, Gottlieb,  
Severn, E. L.,  
Smith, Augustus,  
Sparks, William,  
Watson, William,  
Wren, Capt. William,  
Wilthiew, Charles,  
Yuengling, Frederick G.,  
Yuengling, William G.

## **OFFICERS OF THE GOOD INTENT FIRE CO.**

**No. I, POTTSVILLE, PA.**

**1899.**

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President—Charles E. Emhardt.

Vice President—Samuel Gore.

Recording Secretary—John Johnson.

Financial Secretary—John F. Bushar.

Treasurer—Penna. National Bank.

Collector—Howard E. Leib.

Company Trustees—Frederick Kraus, Charles F. Miller, Charles P. Seiders.

Foreman—George W. Taylor.

Assistant Foreman—Charles Herbrick.

Chief Engineer—Edward Cake.

Assistant Engineers—C. E. Emhardt, Frank W. Leib, Charles F. Miller, James Schreader, William R. Pyle.

Directors—Gottleib Schimpf, William Soell, Jr., F. D. Bushar, 2nd, Charles Meadows, William Mertz, John Faulls, Harry Ruch, Peter Hartman, Edw. Billman.

Fire Trustees and Relief Association—John Johnson, Frank W. Leib, C. E. Emhardt.

Company Auditors—Frank C. Palmer, F. W. Leib, William P. Bray.

Librarian—John Johnson.

Assistant Librarian—Charles F. Miller.

Janitor—Mrs. John Liddel.

ORGANIZED SEPT. 6, 1877. RE-ORGANIZED MARCH 4, 1884.

## POTTSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

### CHIEF AND ASSISTANT ENGINEERS.

Elected	CHIEF.	1st ASSISTANT.	2d ASSISTANT.
1873	*D. A. Smith .....	{ E. C. Baird .....	{ Joseph Dolan .....
1878	Charles Beck.....	B. B. McCool....	Jesse Drumheller ..
1879	Martin Davis .....		
1880	August Knecht.....	Elected by Delegates	
1881	B. B. McCool.....	from each Company	
1882	do .....		
1883	do .....		
1884	do .....	Fred'k Meiswinkel...	Martin Keafer.....
1885	Fred'k Meiswinkel ..	Jesse Simmons.....	Robert Shoener .....
1886	R. W. Shoener.....	George Zwiebel....	Elias Beidleman.....
1887	do .....	Charles Graeff .....	Elias Beidleman.....
1888	do .....	Jno. F. Bushar.....	John Leppard.....
1889	Hugh Stevenson.....	R. W. Nelson.....	Lewis Miller.....
1890	R. W. Shoener.....	Jos. Showers.....	Matthew Fox.....
1891	John F. Bushar .....	Walter Reinhart.....	Jos. Davis.....
1892	do .....	Walter Reinhart.....	George Keinzle.....
1893	do .....	George Keinzle....	Walter Reinhart....
1894	George Powers.....	Walter Reinhart .....	George Graeff.....
1895	P. H. Boltz.....	Archie Brown.....	Samuel Gore.....
1896	Archie Brown.....	John F. Bushar .....	Jas. F. Whalen.....
1897	John F. Bushar .....	James F. Whalen ..	Bernard Rupert .....
1898	Jas. F. Whalen. ....	Wm. W. Martin .....	Harry P. Maguire ..
1899	Wm. W. Martin....	Harry Maguire.....	Henry Kull .. . . . .

\*D. A. Smith was appointed by Council. Appointed his own assistants.

## FIRE RECORDS.

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1830.

Monday, February 8th. Fire, Monday morning between 3 and 4 o'clock; burning of a house on Flowery Field.

Wednesday, February 10th. A frame building on the Landing was destroyed.

Thursday, February 11th. Between the hours of 4 and 5 o'clock, fire at Clinton Row.

1831.

December 16th. Fire in the store of Messrs. Lewis and Witman; a considerable quantity of goods were destroyed.

1832.

May 5th. Fire at Port Carbon; the Schuylkill Hydraulian Fire Company, of Pottsville, responded at 2 o'clock in the morning.

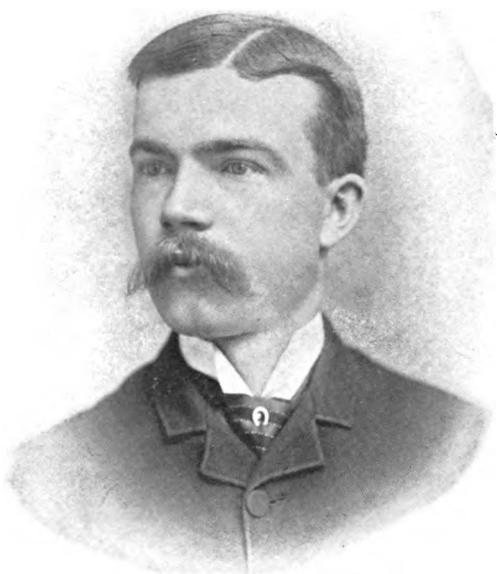
Thursday, August 30th. Fire at the furnace belonging to Mr. M. B. Buckley.

1833.

January 18th. Some hours before day, a two-story frame building on Mahantongo street, occupied as a brewery, the property of D. G. Yuengling, took fire, and before the flames could be extinguished, the greater part of the main body of the building was burnt to the ground.

1834.

Sunday, September 26th. Between 3 and 4 o'clock in the morning, a fire broke out in several frame buildings standing in that part of our borough on the west,



**John Johnson, Recording Secretary.**

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which is the abode of a number of the colored population; the frame buildings, being three in number, were literally burnt to the ground; the property is owned by Mr. James Haggarty.

1835.

Saturday, December 5th. A fire broke out in a double frame house, near the residence of Mr. Geo. W. Cummings, on Norwegian street, and in spite of the prompt and vigorous exertions of our firemen and citizens, the house was reduced to ashes; the tenants lost all their furniture and clothing, with the exception of articles of little value, and had barely time to save themselves and their children; a subscription has been taken up for the relief of the sufferers.

1836.

Tuesday, October 11th. The scale house on the West Branch Railroad was entirely consumed by fire.

1837.

Monday, February 13th. Fire in a frame building in the upper end of the borough, occupied as a butcher shop.

Wednesday, December 6th. Fire broke out in the apothecary shop of Mr. Wm. T. Epting, on Centre street, and destroyed the building and its contents; this fire was caused by carelessness on the part of the shop boy, who in pouring a quantity of ether into a phial, and holding a lighted candle in one hand, caused an explosion; Messrs. Morris & Bros., Frank & Bros., and Mr. Gile also lost heavily; Mr. Epting's loss was about \$7,000.

1838.

Saturday, March 24th. Fire in the engine department of the steam grist mill, belonging to Messrs. Clemens and Parvin.

1839.

Wednesday, May 15th. Fire broke out in one of the houses belonging to the Greenwood property, opposite Mr. Lyman's furnace, on the canal.

1840.

Thursday, January 20th. Fire, 10 p. m.; engine house erected by Heywood & Milner, near Young's Landing, on Salem vein; total loss.

1841.

No alarms or fires.

1842.

Tuesday, June 8th. Fire was discovered in Joseph Shelly's boat building establishment, at Mount Carbon; all the buildings and a new boat on the stocks were destroyed; loss about \$2,500.

1843.

No alarms or fires.

1844.

Wednesday, February 19th. A house between Pottsville and Port Carbon.

Saturday, October 10th. A new stable belonging to Mr. McEwing, at the upper end of the borough, burnt to the ground; loss \$500, no insurance.

1845.

December 16th. A slight fire at the Pennsylvania Hall, also a frame house on Market street.

1846.

Saturday, July 11th. Four wooden buildings on George street, belonging to Messrs. Clemens & Parvin, and occupied by Isaac Higley, John L. Menning, Nicholas Madara and Brother, and Jacob Olewine. A woman living in one of the houses was so terrified, that she left the building without taking care of or knowing where her child was. From her manner, a gentleman from the crowd, becoming uneasy relative to it, went into the burn-

ing house, and found in the room next to the roof, which was then rapidly burning, the child laughing, while the fire was falling rapidly around it.

Thursday, August 16th. The stable of Mr. Brooks, on Norwegian street; the building was consumed.

Sunday, September 12th. Fire at Mount Carbon; house occupied by John Glace, which was consumed, together with all his furniture and clothes; the fire also communicated to the two frame buildings belonging to Mr. Donahoe and Mrs. Lanagan, which were also consumed; loss \$2,000, no insurance.

Monday, September 28th. Fire at the Gate Vein stables; property occupied by Messrs. Clayton McGinnis and T. C. and W. Pollock, in the upper end of the borough, took fire from some unknown cause and was totally consumed, together with six valuable horses, three wagons, hay, straw, etc.; loss \$2,000, no insurance.

#### 1847.

Thursday, August 26th. Fire on Norwegian street; building occupied by Adam Eiler as a carpenter shop, and stable of B. F. Pomeroy; Mr. Eiler lost all his carpenter tools and lumber, etc.

#### 1848.

Monday, May 14th. Slight fire at the store of Focht & Foster.

Tuesday, June 13th. Fire in a block of houses on Coal street; eight of the houses were owned by Heywood & Snyder, two by Mrs. Gannan.

#### THE GREAT FIRE.

Sunday, September 10th. From an editorial in the Miners' Journal, Saturday, September 16, 1848: "Most of our readers have doubtless already been informed of the disastrous fire, which broke out in our borough on Sunday night last. We issued an extra early on Monday morn-

ing, and supplied copies to the press, and friends abroad, by which means the news was soon spread over the country.

The fire originated in a lot of hay and straw, belonging to Chas. Moll, at the corner of Callowhill and Railroad streets. It broke out at about eleven o'clock, when nearly every one had retired for the night; still it was promptly discovered, and the alarm given. But before any effective measures could be adopted to arrest its progress, it had gained such sway as to terrify all who observed it. There was not the slightest wind—the evening was calm, and beautifully moonlight. The appetite of the element, from the long continued dry weather, was very keen indeed, and it devoured the combustible material greedily as it went along. The sight was awfully grand! A whole square on fire at one time—the fire cracking and singing in triumph, and the sparks ascending upward in streams and torrents.

The streets were filled with people, and on all sides, furniture, and every kind of goods were stowed away in the greatest confusion. The firemen toiled unceasingly, and when at last it was found that the square on fire was doomed, they directed their efforts to the surrounding buildings, and stopped the further progress of the destroyer. Many daring feats came under our notice, which might very properly be extolled here, to individual credit. But every one did his duty, and is equally deserving the thanks of the community.

"The hardy seaman pants the storm to brave,  
For beck'ning fortune woos him from the wave;  
The soldier battles 'neath the smoky cloud,  
For glory's bow is painted on the shroud;  
The fireman also dare each shape of death,  
But not for fortune's gold, or glory's wreath;  
No selfish throbs within their breasts are known,  
No hope of praise or profit cheers them on,  
They ask no need, no fame, and only seek

To shield the suffering and protect the weak;  
For this the howling midnight storm they woo,  
For this, the raging flames rush fearless through,  
Mount the frail rafter, head the smoky hall,  
Or toil, unshrinking, 'neath the tottering wall;  
Nobler than those who, with fraternal blood,  
Dye the dread field, or tinge the shudd'ring flood;  
O'er their firm ranks no crimson banners wave,  
They dare, they suffer—not to stay, but save;  
As such a sight, Hope smiles more heavenly bright,  
Pale, pensive Pity, trembles with delight,  
And soft-eyed Mercy, stooping from above,  
Drops a bright tear, a tear of joy and love."

The principal sufferers are Glenn & Stine, Daniel Aurand, Abraham Miesse, Patrick Curry, Patrick Fogarty, Solomon Shoener, John Kalbach, Joseph Weaver, Oliver J. Roads, Charles Moll and Charles Kopitzsch, some of whom had no insurance, and others were only partially insured.

Messrs. S. Huntzinger, F. Fernsler, Geo. W. Mason & Co., Solomon Foster, Foster & Daly, Thos. Foster & Co., T. C. and W. Pollock, John Clayton, Fred. C. Epting, Robt. Adams, C. & W. Fox, Wm. H. Hill, John Hoffman, Jacob Hoeffer, Jas. G. Cochran, W. C. Leib, J. K. Felt-nagle, and Hassinger and Bertram, lose but little, (many of them being fully insured,) except the inconvenience occasioned by the loss of their dwellings, and the disarrangement of their business and families.

The total loss ranges between \$40,000 and \$50,000, of which about \$40,000 was insured by the Lycoming, and the Spring Garden, and Franklin Insurance Companies, of Philadelphia. The losses of the different companies will be as follows: Lycoming, about \$10,000; Franklin, about \$8,500; Spring Garden, about \$9,000.

The latter company had the largest amount insured, but it was principally upon stocks of goods, which were removed.

Saturday evening, September 30th. In the stable of Foster and Daly, corner Norwegian and Railroad streets; the building was consumed with all its contents.

Thursday, November 23rd. Fire broke out in the stables in the rear of Messrs. Mason & Co.'s store, and before the flames could be subdued three adjoining frame dwellings were partially burned; the buildings belonged to Andrew B. White; there was no insurance.

#### 1849.

Friday morning, February 23d. Two stables in the rear of the Pennsylvania Hall were burned to the ground; stables were used by J. Peters, for his stage horses.

Sunday, September 16th. Fire at Dr. Carpenter's stable in the rear of his residence.

Wednesday, September 19th. Fire in the building in the rear of Geise's hotel.

Wednesday, December 6th. Stable of Geo. Cumming, on Fourth street; stable, horse, carriage and harness were consumed.

#### 1850.

Wednesday, January 28th. Alarm of fire; partial burning of Rosengarten's residence, on Callowhill street.

July 4th. Slight fire at the residence of Mr. Esterly, Third and Callowhill streets.

Thursday, July 19th. In the rear of Geise's hotel, the following properties were destroyed: Danl. Aurand's cabinet warehouse; Exchange Hotel stable; Hammer's warehouse and stable; office of B. W. Cumming, Esq.; Mrs. Thompson, S. M. Mills, W. M. Stilson, Beyerley's smith-shop, Peter Kerns, John B. Smith, Col. Lessig, Israel Seitzinger, the Rev. Mr. Neill lost horse, carriage and harness; Mr. Bertram's printing office was saved with much difficulty. The fire originated from a lighted lamp in Mr. Geise's stable.

1851.

Wednesday, April 9th. Slight fire at E. W. McGinnis' foundry; roof damaged.

1852.

No record of fires.

1853.

Sunday, May 1st. Slight fire at the residence of J. J. Dampman's, on Market street.

Tuesday, May 8th. Fire at Port Carbon Road House, of Mrs. Reed; she was burnt to a crisp, also the adjoining building was burnt down.

1854.

Tuesday, October 10th. Fire started in the Club Stable of Dr. Halberstadt, on Railroad street. The following buildings were destroyed: Jas. Beatty, Michael Murphy, Work & Trough's carpenter shop, Pat Lafferty's blacksmith shop, John Bannan's house and stable, Smith & Downing, gasfitters; Miners' Journal office, and houses occupied by Luke Lee, James Noble and Fred Ent; loss \$50,000.

1855.

Thursday, March 3rd. Fire at the machine shop of Mason & Co.

Thursday, April 26th. The brewery of George Lauer, situated just beyond the "Orchard," on the margin of the Schuylkill river; owing to the difficulty of obtaining water the building was consumed.

April 27th. The large warehouse at Mount Carbon, occupied by John S. Miller and B. T. Taylor, was destroyed; loss on the building about \$3,000; the stock of oil and flour, \$7,000.

Wednesday, July 18th. Slight fire at the brewery of D. G. Yuengling.

Wednesday, July 18th. The northwest corner of the forge shop attached to Vastines' Orchard Iron Works.

Sunday, December 16th. The fire at Palo Alto resulted in the destruction of the engine house of the Schuylkill Valley Railroad, and the injuring of several locomotives, property of the Reading Railroad; the total loss was about \$12,000.

### 1856.

Tuesday, June 17th. A house on East Mahantongo street occupied by Samuel Mann, of the (Pottsville House) for dining and sleeping purposes; damage slight.

Thursday, July 31st. The new blacksmith shop of Benj. F. Pomeroy, on Coal street, was completely destroyed by the fire in less than a half hour.

Tuesday, October 1st, 10 p. m. The coach factory of Abright & Burkhard, in Morris' Addition, was entirely destroyed; the loss was about \$4,000.

Tuesday, November 11th, 2 a. m. A house, owned and occupied by Henry Drone, was destroyed by fire at the upper end of Port Carbon Road.

Saturday, December 20th. A slight fire in the blacksmith shop attached to L. Vastine's machine shop, in the Orchard.

Sunday, December 21st, 8 p. m. A slight fire at Crosland's Union Hotel; damage slight.

### 1857.

Monday, January 19th, 2 a. m. In the midst of a violent snow storm, the three stone tenant houses, situated opposite the old gas house, on Centre street, and about a square above the residence of G. S. Repplier, Esq. The houses were occupied by Thos. Mullen, Jos. Kitchen, John Marrow and the Widow Brennan.

Tuesday, March 5th, 1 a. m. Four tenant houses situated at the extreme westerly end of Minersville street, and owned by Moses Perrot, and occupied by eight families as follows: Mrs. McLean, Rachel Davies, Moses Perrot, David Biggs, Mr. Ford, Frank Moyer and Mary Ann Levan; loss about \$2,000.



John F. Bushar, Financial Secretary.

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1858.

Sunday, April 4th, 3 a. m. Fire at the flour and feed store and steam mill of Wm. Hetherington, on Union street, opposite the Reading Railroad depot; loss about \$12,000. The mill was built in 1830.

Friday, September 17th, 3 p. m. The stable of Jacob Christian, on Church alley, was entirely destroyed by fire.

Monday, September 20th, 2 p. m. Stable of Martin Weaver; damage about \$450.

Friday, October 1st. The stable of Wm. Mortimer, Jr., on West Norwegian street; the loss on stable, horses, cows, wagons, etc., \$1,200.

Monday, November 1st, 9 p. m. The clothing store of E. T. Elrich & Co., corner Centre and Mahantongo Sts., was destroyed by fire and water to the extent of \$3,500.

Friday, December 3rd. Slight fire at L. Bocain's barber shop, adjoining the American House.

1859.

Thursday, March 31st, 4 a. m. Three frame houses, completely destroyed on High street above Third street; occupied by Mary Williams and others.

Tuesday, July 5th, 7 a.m. The stable of Geo. S. Patterson & Co., West Norwegian street, was destroyed by fire.

1860.

Saturday, April 4th. An alarm of fire caused by the burning of a smoke house in the Middle Ward.

Sunday, July 8th, 2 a. m. The distillery building of P. Womelsdorf & Co., on the Saint Clair Road; loss about \$4,000.

Sunday, August 18th, 1 a.m. Fire at the stable of Mr. Geo. Bell, on Church alley; a loft full of hay and thirteen sleighs were consumed; loss \$800.

1861.

Monday, July 15th, p. m. Henry Zimmerman's carpenter shop, Beyerly's blacksmith shop and livery stable,

and Mr. Daniel Aurand's stable, situated on the east side of the Mount Carbon Railroad (it is now known as Railroad street, between East Norwegian and Arch streets.)

Monday, July 29th, 4 p. m. A new two-story frame dwelling near the water basin, on East Norwegian street, was burnt down. A Mr. Sullivan was going to move in that day.

Wednesday, August 2nd, p. m. A frame house below Mount Carbon, also a slight fire at the residence of Henry Boyer, on Church alley above Second street.

Saturday, December 28th. Slight fire at H. Boehmer's bakery, located on Downing street; loss about \$500.

#### 1862.

Sunday, January 26th, 5 a. m. Slight fire at the residence of Mr. Jos. Schluss, on Centre street above Market.

Monday, June 3rd, p. m. A destructive fire happened at the hardware store of Mr. George Bright; the fire was caused by a man named Wm. Wenreich, in the employ of Mr. Bright, accidentally communicating it to a barrel of benzine; Wenreich was badly burned; the benzine exploded, throwing out the side and rear walls of the back building; Lewis Rank and a boy named Thomas, were seriously injured; loss about \$15,000.

#### 1863.

Wednesday, February 25th. A frame dwelling near the Odd Fellows' cemetery, was destroyed by fire.

Thursday, May 27th. Fire at Henry Shelly's flour and feed store, East Norwegian street.

Monday, September 21st. Slight fire at Pennsylvania Hall; damage slight.

#### 1864.

Sunday, January 30th, 10 p. m. Four dwellings destroyed; the bake house of John Henry Moser, on West Market street, also the residence of Chas. Oerther, and property owned by John W. Roseberry, Esq., and Mr.

John Simmons; there was a heavy rain falling at the time of the fire. Mr. Moser's loss was \$1,000; Mr. Oerther's loss, \$600. Mr. Roseberry's house was occupied by John Y. Wren; the loss was about \$1,400 on Mr. Roseberry's property.

Monday, November 21st, 11:30 p. m. The machine shop and foundry of Messrs. B. F. Pomeroy & Son, corner Coal and Norwegian streets; the main building was destroyed with its contents; the loss was about \$15,000.

#### 1865.

Wednesday, September 6th, 7 p. m. The stable of J. J. Conner, on Lyon street, was destroyed by fire.

#### 1866.

Wednesday, February 14th. The stable of Frederick Heiken, between Market and Norwegian streets, west of Ninth street, was destroyed by fire.

Thursday, April 12th, 6 p. m. The stables of Thomas Dornan, Isaac Moyer and Alex. Cake, on Callowhill street, near George, were destroyed by fire. (Last fire that the Good Intent hand engine worked at.)

Monday, October 1st, 11 p. m. The warehouse and stable of Henry Schaffer, dealer in rags, &c., at Jalappa, this borough, was destroyed.

Thursday, October 25th, 3 a. m. Fire destroyed the slaughter house of Charles Heffner, at the upper end of W. Market street; loss \$3,000.

#### 1867.

Monday, May 20th, 8 p. m. The broom factory of Miller & McDonel's, on Railroad street, opposite Snyder's machine shop; damage slight.

Tuesday, August 6th, 2 a. m. Fire on the north side of Market Square; building was occupied by W. K. Boltz as a flour and feed store, and the upper part was occupied by Mr. Benjamin Klahr.

Sunday, September 8th, 1 p. m. Slight fire at the stable of Mr. Jacob Huntzinger, on Second street.

Tuesday, September 10th, 1 p. m. The stable of Maj. James Wren, on Norwegian above Sixth street, was destroyed.

Thursday, October 31st, 1 a. m. A building on Lyon street, occupied by Adam Eiler as a carpenter shop, and W. K. Boltz, as a stable, was destroyed by fire. William Stevenson was badly burnt at this fire while bravely attempting to rescue one of the horses.

#### 1868.

Monday, January 13th, 10 p. m. The ice house of Mr. Roland Kline, in Spring Garden, this borough, was destroyed; loss \$3,000.

Monday, February 17th. Fire at the West End Skating Park, at the west end of the borough.

Thursday, March 12th, p. m. A small stable back of the prison and occupied by George Wilson, was destroyed.

Friday, July 10th, 6:30 a. m. A slight fire at L. C. Thompson & Co.'s store; cause, one of the young men employed at the store dropped a match in a barrel of varnish; damage slight.

Tuesday, October 13th. An unoccupied house in "Mutton Row," opposite the Clay Monument, was slightly damaged.

Friday, October 30th. Fire at the Schuylkill County Lumber Yard, this borough; loss \$1,000.

#### 1869.

Saturday, January 30th. Slight fire at the residence of John Ebert, West Market street; damage about \$400.

Tuesday, March 30th, 11 p. m. A slight fire at the residence of Mrs. Mary Weinman, West Market street; loss \$100.

Thursday, April 15th. Two incendiary fires; one at

Candy's store, on Railroad street, and one at the Ten Pin Alley, rear of the Town Hall.

A slight fire at the residence of Charles Kantner, Union street; damage slight.

1870.

Sunday, January 10th, 10 a. m. A slight fire at the tavern of A. Branagan, on Railroad street.

Saturday, February 12th, 4 a. m. Fire at No. 275 Centre street, occupied by Lewis Schloss, hatter and furrier, and 273, occupied by Mr. Kuhn as a clothing store; Mr. Schloss' loss was \$3,500; Mr. Kuhn's loss was \$2,000.

Friday, April 1st, 2 a. m. Slight fire at the "Pittsburg Liquor Store," No. 275 Railroad street.

Friday, July 15th. A fire broke out in the carpenter shop of Jacob Gutha, on Railroad street, and spread rapidly to the adjoining buildings, occupied by Mr. Meisse, Lewis Harris' rag shop, John Engle's paint shop and Kalbach & Shoener's chair manufactory, and Aug. Doerflinger; loss \$6,000.

Saturday, April 16th. An alarm of fire, caused by a coal oil lamp explosion; house of Mrs. Day, Minersville street.

Thursday, November 24th. An alarm of fire, caused by the burning of the canal boat, "Fawn," at Atkins' Furnace.

1871.

Thursday, January 5th, 8 p. m. Fire in Morris' Addition; the stable of ex-Sheriff Wynkoop, with two horses, carriages, &c., were consumed.

Sunday, March 12th. Fire at Palo Alto, between one and two in the morning; the houses occupied by Patrick Ward and Joseph Gephart; both houses were entirely consumed.

Saturday, March 26th. The stable of Mr. Wm. Buechley, at his planing mill, on Coal street, was entirely destroyed by fire.

Monday, April 17th, 4 a. m. The paint shop of John S. Engle, corner Third and W. Norwegian; loss \$1,000.

Tuesday, June 7th. Fire destroyed an old log building in Jalappa.

Saturday, December 9th. The old York Farm barn, situated on the Minersville Road, just beyond the borough limits.

1872.

Sunday, April 14th, 8 p. m. Fire at Minersville and Sanderson streets; nine dwelling houses destroyed, fifteen families rendered homeless, hundreds of houses in imminent danger, and no water; a fireman killed and another injured; Chas. Ewing was killed by being run over by the Good Intent engine, and John Levy was struck on the back of the head with a falling timber and considerably injured; the following families were burnt out: Lewis Quinn, Wm. Dillinger, Thos. Shadwick, Wm. Lloyd, Richard Pryor, Mrs. Thos. Llewellyn, Mrs. Griffith, Matthew Gaffney, Sarah Shoesmith and Mr. Greenwood.

Saturday, May 11th. A fire at the Pottsville Rolling Mill destroyed the engine house, forge and car shop; the loss was several thousand dollars.

Saturday, May 18th. Fire at Mount Carbon; two tenant houses, owned by the Rolling Mill Company.

July 4th. In the morning, Henry Rosengarten's warehouse was gutted by fire, and in the evening of the same day, Galland's store was on fire; goods were considerably damaged by smoke and water; during the day, there was an alarm from the "Mortimer House," on Centre street, and one from Church alley, caused by fire crackers.

Friday, July 5th, 9 p. m. The two-story frame house owned and occupied by Bernard Reilly, situated on the rise of the hill, on Port Carbon road, beyond the big bend.

Saturday, August 10th, 3 p. m. Fire on Market street above Twelfth street, opposite the Baber Cemetery; the following dwellings were destroyed and occupied by Jacob

Lauer, John Gottschall, Mr. Speacht, Mrs. Buechle, Henry Jackson, Jacob Snyder and Jacob Kroft; loss about \$14,000. A Mrs. Henry Dentzer died from convulsions, brought on by the fright. The old cry—no water, at this fire.

1873.

Tuesday, February 18th. A slight fire on Mahantongo street; house occupied by Frank Hawley.

March 21st, 1 a. m. Fire at Galland's dry good store, Centre street.

Friday, June 20th. The fire fiend; the Third street fire; we have his sceptre over Pottsville; square of houses destroyed; more than a score of families rendered homeless; myriads of flakes fill the air; the town set on fire at different places; heroic exertions of the firemen; Mahanoy City, Minersville and Saint Clair responded to the call for assistance; their firemen helped to save Pottsville; thirty-four buildings burned; loss \$100,000; the fire started at Charles Marzlin's turner shop about 5:30 p. m.; the following is the list of losses as ascertained by the committee of the Benevolent Association: William Falls, \$100; C. F. Kopitzsch Soap Works, \$50,000, insurance \$11,000; Mary Chambers, \$10,000, insurance \$2,200; Jos. Snyder, \$800, no insurance; Chas. Marzlin, \$15,000, no insurance; Mrs. Johnson, \$500, no insurance; Mrs. E. Seitzinger, \$1,500, no insurance; Jonathan Reber, furniture saved; John Leonard, \$8,000, no insurance; Dr. Bowman, \$3,000, no insurance; H. Loechel, \$1,000, no insurance; John Yaissle, \$1,000, insured; Lewis Weber, \$60, no insurance; Harvey Scott, \$1,050, no insurance; John Haesnaur, \$100; Henry Glassmire, saved his stock; D. R. Koenig, \$400; Mrs. Hause, \$3,000, insured for \$500; J. Griessle, \$100; Jacob Britton, \$50; John Deither, \$2,500, insured for \$1,900; Charles Snyder, \$600, insured for \$800; J. Stahle, \$200, no insurance; John Snyder, \$3,000, insured for \$2,500; John Spohler, no loss; Fox & Bro., two houses; Max Rubinski,

furniture; A. Frantz, furniture and sleighs; Adam Steinel, furniture; J. Deiffenderfer, furniture; Geo. Sterner, furniture; Burkhardt Bros., bakers, loss \$100; Mrs. Stahlacker, clothing, loss \$33; Rev. E. Oppenheimer, loss \$600, covered by insurance; Rev. G. A. Hinterleitner, clothing and furniture.

Friday, June 27th. A slight fire at the stable of Geo. Snyder, in rear of his hotel, on George street, above Norwegian.

Friday, August 29th, 5 a. m. A slight fire at the broom factory of M. W. Coon, at the Silver Terrace.

#### 1874.

Wednesday, February 25th. A slight fire at the Methodist Episcopal Church, Second street; damage \$200.

Wednesday, August 26th. A slight fire at the residence of A. K. Bace, on Minersville street.

Wednesday, October 28th. A slight fire at the store of Geo. Eckernrode, on Norwegian street.

Monday, November 30th. A slight fire at Henry Somer's barber shop, corner Centre and High streets, caused by overheated stove.

Wednesday, December 2d, 10 p. m. Fire at Palo Alto; the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Co.'s car shops; the loss was about \$7,000; no insurance.

Thursday, December 10th, 6 p. m. A slight fire at the store of R. R. Morris, Centre street.

#### 1875.

Friday, April 30th. A slight fire in house occupied by a Mr. Kearns, on Second street.

May 15th. Fire in a house on Norwegian street occupied by a man named Wee; damage slight.

June 11th, 11 p. m. Slight fire at residence of Mr. Adam Eiler, on West Norwegian street.



**Edward Cake, Chief Engineer.**

(See Sketch Page 96.)



September 2nd, 1 a. m. Fire in the store of E. S. Johnson, corner of Centre and Norwegian streets; damage \$300.

September 18th, 4 a. m. A fire was discovered in the saloon called "The Pig and Whistle;" the damage was slight.

Tuesday, October 29th. Fire at Palo Alto.

1876.

Sunday, June 23rd, 5 a. m. A stable belonging to Mrs. Elizabeth Fotman, in Jalappa, was burnt to the ground.

Friday, February 25th, 4 a. m. House occupied by John Mullen, near the People's Railway Depot; cause, defective flue.

Sunday, March 19th, 5:30 a. m. The Old Town Hall. At the time of the fire, the building was occupied as follows: the basement, by John Snyder, as a lager beer saloon; the first floor, by M. R. Nichols, dry goods and grocery, and R. E. Holt, as a drug store; the second floor was the main hall room, and was used for balls, &c., and was the armory for the Gowen Guards and Light Infantry; the third floor, contained two lodge rooms, and were occupied by all the Odd Fellow Lodges, in town, and quite a few of the other lodges. Mr. Snyder's loss was comparatively light; Mr. Nichol's loss was about \$30,000, on which he had \$20,000 insurance; the stock of Holt's drug store was saved; most of the lodges lost everything; Mr. Slater's loss on the building was partially covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown. The erection of the Town Hall was commenced in 1839 by the Town Hall Association, Mr. Chas. Gillingham, being the builder; a year later, the building was sold under a mortgage to Messrs. Bray and Bancroft, who then engaged Mr. Adam Eiler, who completed the building at a cost of \$34,000. Eleven years ago, Mr. Geo. Slater bought the building.

Mr. Ralph Shaw was the first one to give the alarm, at 4:20 a. m.

Sunday, April 9th, 1:30 p. m. Fire on Guinea Hill; property of Watkin Pritchard; damage slight.

Saturday, May 13th, 11:30 p. m. The barn of Samuel Heffner, which stood nearly opposite the People's Railway Depot. The barn was entirely consumed with its contents: three cows, one bull, which was burned to death, one horse and two mules were also burned.

Monday, July 31st, 2:30 a. m. Fire at Yorkville; the store of Albert Hoeffner and Mr. Sell; Mr. Hoeffner's loss, \$5,000; Mr. Sell's loss about \$1,500.

Saturday, November 26th. A frame building on N. Centre street, occupied by Mrs. Anna Dean as a millinery store; Mrs. Carrie Kauffman, tobacco store and dwelling, destroyed and damaged; John Bernard's hotel was badly damaged.

Thursday, April 21st. W. F. Baker's painting and paper hanging establishment, Centre near the corner of West Market street.

Thursday, April 28th, 2 a. m. Stable in rear of the new Mountain City Building, partially damaged by fire.

1877.

Tuesday, January 9th, 2 p. m. Fire at the residence of Gabriel Fisher, in the rear of his blacksmith shop on East Norwegian street; the house was completely gutted, very few personal effects were saved.

Thursday, April 26th, 11 p. m. The stable of Jacob Lauer, on West Norwegian street, was destroyed.

Friday, May 4th. A slight fire at Buechley's planing mill, in the engine room; on the 25th of this month, there was another slight fire in the mill.

Tuesday, July 24th, 10:30 p. m. Fire destroyed a barn of Ephraim Philips, on Bare Field.

Thursday, August 30th. Fire at Palo Alto; the pattern shop at Heywood's Mill, was destroyed.

Christmas Morning, December 25th. Buechley's planing mill was destroyed; loss about \$15,000; Geo Dewald, A. R. Seiler, Samuel Aregood and George Lilly, lost all their tools.

1878.

February 25th, 2 a. m. Fire at William Seltzer's drove shed, situated on Jalappa side of the hill, and connected with the large establishment of Mr. Conrad Seltzer; cause, supposed to be incendiary.

Sunday, March 10th. A house belonging to Mr. Morgan Jones, at Fishbach, above the mill, was destroyed by fire.

Friday, March 22nd. Fire at the Evening Chronicle office; damage slight.

Saturday, March 23rd. Fire on West Market street, in rear of houses Nos. 917, 919, 921 and 923; four stables, belonging to Mrs. A. Littlehales, Mrs. M. Brown, John Ebert and Mrs. Sheithauer; Mr. A. W. Seltzer's was badly scorched.

1879.

Wednesday, April 23rd. The old Mount Carbon Rolling Mill was entirely destroyed by fire.

Saturday, September 13th. A slight fire in a house occupied by Isaiah Boltz, on High street near Eleventh.

1880.

Saturday, January 10th. A slight fire at the coffee roastery, between Coal and George streets.

February 20th, 7:30 p. m. The stable at the Children's Home, at Agricultural Park, was destroyed by fire.

Wednesday, February 25th. A slight fire at Ulmer's Pork Packing Establishment, at Jalappa.

Friday, April 9th. A slight fire at a house No. 1235 West Market street, occupied by Joseph Fisher.

Saturday, May 8th. A slight fire at Miss Annie Grogan's millinery store, Centre street.

1881.

Wednesday, January 5th. Fire destroyed the slaughter house of Frederick Schall, on the Cressona road.

Friday, February 4th. Slight fire at the residence of Patrick Kearns, Fifth and Lyon streets.

Sunday, February 20th. Slight fire at Conrad Stoffregen's residence.

Tuesday, April 8th. Fire at Fishbach; residence of Mr. Hasnauer.

Tuesday, May 31st. Two alarms; residence of Dennis McLaughlin, and the second alarm, false.

Wednesday, June 1st. Slight fire at the residence of Peter Pugh, Harrison street; cause, burning of a quilt. Second alarm from Ulmer's Packing Company.

Thursday, June 16th. Fire at the junk shop of Lewis Harris, on Railroad street, and Joseph Miller, the baker; Harris' loss \$500, and Mr. Miller's was about \$1,000.

November 18th, 7 p. m. Fire at the residence of Thomas Daubert, Coal street; Mrs. Daubert was burnt and died three hours later.

1882.

Monday, February 6th, 3 a. m. The People's Railway Depot was destroyed.

Friday, March 10th, 8 p. m. At Fishbach, two-story frame house, occupied by Robert W. Langton.

Sunday, April 16th. Slight fire in rear of the Red Lion Hotel, Market street; stable occupied by Philip Cohen, as a junk shop.

Sunday, April 16th. A slight fire in a house occupied by John H. Kemmerer.

Tuesday, April 18th, 9 p. m. A stable owned by Jacob Kohler, on Arch street between Second and Third Sts., and occupied by the Singer Sewing Machine Company, also the blacksmith shop of Daniel F. Kohler, and the two houses occupied by Mrs. Rosa Huntzinger and Jacob Rice.

Thursday, October 19th. Slight fire at the cigar store of Jacob Hoffman, in the Seitz building, on Centre street.

Sunday, October 22nd. A slight fire at the residence of Richard Stevens, Fishbach.

1883.

Monday, March 5th. A slight fire at No. 528 E. Norwegian street. Residence of John C. Larkin.

Tuesday, March 20th. A slight fire in the house on High street, occupied by Charles Schott.

Sunday, April 29th, 8 a. m. The junk shop of J. J. Young on Railroad street.

Tuesday, September 25th. Fire at the Pioneer Furnace; loss \$5,000.

1884.

Monday, January 7th. Alarm of fire from Conrad Miller's hotel, at drove yard.

Sunday, February 3rd. A slight fire at the Pottsville Gas Works; damage about \$50.

Saturday, March 29th. A slight fire in a house occupied by Wm. Stevenson, on Arch street.

Sunday, May 18th. Fire at Mount Carbon, road side; three houses were burned.

Saturday, July 19th, 2:20 p. m. Slight fire, burning of roof; Richard Cantlin's stable roof.

Wednesday, July 30th, 9:10 p. m. Slight fire at the stable of P. D. Helms.

Monday, November 12th, 2 a. m. Fire at Heber DeLong's coffee roastery on Division alley; loss about \$500.

1885.

Thursday, January 29th, 3 a. m. A slight fire at the residence of Geo. M. Roads, Esq.; this was a very cold night; ask the boys about it.

Monday, February 16th, 3 p. m. Fire at Bright's hardware store, Centre street; the entire stock in the store was ruined.

Sunday, March 29th, 8:35 a. m. Slight fire in the Silliman building, South Centre street, at present occupied by the Miners' National Bank, while their building is being repaired.

Thursday, June 11th, 6:25 p. m. Burning of a shed adjoining Court House, janitor's residence.

Sunday, June 14th, 12:50 a. m. Incendiary fire, Seventh and West Norwegian streets; Frank Bannan's and Alex. Strouse's stables; Bannan's loss, three cows, two heifers, three carriages, one sleigh, one truck wagon, harness, &c.; Strouse's loss, trifling.

Thursday, June 18th, 12:50 a. m. Incendiary fire, South Eleventh street, above Market, causing a loss of Martz's stable, No. 13, store and residence of Herbert Halpe; No. 14, occupied by Mrs. Strohm; No. 15, occupied by the Heintzeberger family; No. 16, occupied by Albert Good, also the stable owned by J. Siegle; estimated loss, \$5,000.

Thursday, October 15th, 5:10 a. m. Fire at Seltzer's stock yard, Jalappa; loss, two large stables, two horses owned by Wm. Seltzer, two horses owned by Conrad Seltzer, one horse owned by Fred. Seltzer, two horses owned by A. W. Seltzer, twenty-three hogs, two Alderny cows, forty tons of hay, a cargo of oats, fifteen sets of harness; origin of fire unknown; loss, about \$12,000.

Monday, June 22nd, 10:20 p. m. Fire at Edward Sweeney's and Daniel Hill's stables, Mauch Chunk street.

Wednesday, December 9th, midnight. Fire at the stable of John Gillan, Morris' Addition, back of Clay Monument.

#### 1886.

Thursday, March 3rd, 12:30 p. m. Slight fire at the residence of Wm. Reese, corner Railroad and Race streets, also fire at house owned by Roland Kline, Fishbach.

Monday, March 8th, 4 p. m. Fire in a stable occupied by N. C. Morrison, on Arch street below Fourth.

Wednesday, April 20th, 4 a. m. Fire at Port Carbon; Good Intent and American Hose Co's responded.

Friday, June 4th, 9:45 p. m. Fire at Minersville; Good Intent responded with engine.

Sunday, June 20th, 2:15 a. m. Fire at Joseph Shablein's carriage factory, in Bannan's alley.

Sunday, June 27th. Fire at the house of James Ryon, Fishbach.

July 25th. Fire at the house occupied by Mrs. Fient, on Pierce street.

September 2nd, 2:30 p. m. Fire at Woll's stable, Minersville street, between Centre and Railroad.

October 18th, 5:30 p. m. Fire at the Northeast Ward Hotel stable, Isaac Moyer's stable and Aug. Ruff's stable.

### 1887.

Tuesday, March 8th, 3:15 p. m. Fire at Fishbach, (Brown's Hollow); house burnt down before the department arrived.

Tuesday, March 15th, 3:30 a. m. Fire at Jalappa; house of Jacob Schofner.

Friday, May 20th, 1:15 a. m. Fire at Ulrich & Riffert's carriage factory, and Mrs. John Diehm's house, Coal street, between Norwegian and East Arch streets.

Monday, July 4th, 3:50 p. m. Fire at the Philadelphia House, Railroad street; house occupied by Hattie Duncan.

Monday, August 22nd, 11:05 a. m. Fire at No. 325 Wheeler street; house occupied by Mrs. Banks and Mrs. Lang.

Saturday, November 19th, 4:30 a. m. Slight fire at the residence of Mr. A. J. Pilgram.

Saturday, December 24th, 4:10 p. m. A slight fire at Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart's store; cause, coal oil lamp explosion; damage slight.

1888.

Thursday, March 8th, 10:45 p. m. Fire at the Pottsville Gas Company's purifying house; Geo. Lord and Thos. Picton were seriously burnt; the town is without gas or electric light to-night.

Saturday, March 10th, 12:30 p. m. Fire at Henry Ferryman's barn, (Snyder's farm); cause, one of his children playing with matches.

Saturday, March 10th, 9:15 p. m. Fire at the Irish Catholic Church Priest's stable, Howard avenue; was burnt to the ground; one horse burnt to death.

Tuesday, May 8th, 4 p. m. Fire at the house of Jas. Sirocco, (Italy,) between Minersville and Laurel streets.

Sunday, August 12th, 3:45 p. m. Fire at the Pottsville Coffee House, next door to Williams' hat store; cause, defective flue; loss \$1,000, half by water.

Friday, September 7th, 7:05 a.m. Fire at Yuengling's brewery, cooper shop.

1889.

Friday, February 1st, 3:30 p. m. Fire at the Standard Oil Company's tanks, Mount Carbon; loss about \$6,000; the explosion took place about 4:30 o'clock; the following members of the Good Intent Fire Co., were burnt, Wm. Reichard; Robt. Helms, John Johnson, E. Glassmire, James Schartel, J. Walter Hill and Charles Weismiller.

Tuesday, March 19th, 11:20 p. m. Fire at the German Lutheran Church; damage \$300.

Thursday, June 13th, 12:10 a. m. Fire at the Knickerbocker ice house, Mt. Carbon; loss \$5,000.

Saturday, November 23rd, 12:10 p. m. Fire at the Northwestern Hotel; cause, explosion of coal oil lamp; loss about \$500.

1890.

March 8th. Slight fire at the store of J. H. Uhler, West Market street.

March 24th. Fire at the Good Intent Engine House; cause, some one throwing lighted cigar in waste basket; loss \$20.

Saturday, June 7th, Box 41, 3:30 p. m. House corner of 10th and Market streets; damage, slight; this was the first alarm sent in over the Gamewell Fire Alarm.

Monday, June 9th, Box 51. Test; sent in by the Fire Apparatus Committee of Borough Council.

July 8th, Box 41, 1:45 p. m. Fire at D. G. Smith's warehouse, Twelfth street; loss \$1,000.

Sunday, July 20th, Box 54, 3:15 p. m. Two stables, owned by J. W. Smith and Mr. Brown, Minersville street, between Sixth and Seventh streets; loss \$500.

August 15th, Box 61, 9:25 a. m. Fire at Railroad and Centre streets; property owned by 'Squire Buckley; loss \$500.

Tuesday, December 2nd, Box 42, 9 a. m. Fire at the houses of Jonathan Reber and Mr. Entwistle, on Race street between Sixth and Seventh Sts.; cause, water-back in range exploding; loss about \$3,000.

Wednesday, December 10th, Box 72, 7:20 p. m. Slight fire at Ulmer's Packing House.

#### 1891.

Tuesday, February 17th, Box 51, 5 p. m. Fire at Jacob Weber's furniture store; loss about \$700.

Saturday, February 21st, Box 18, 12:08 a. m. Williams' hat store, Centre and Market streets; loss about \$10,000.

May 12th, Box 26, 11:05 p. m. The stable of Mrs. Sarah Whitney, on Second street.

Saturday, May 30th, Box 26, 5:45 p. m. Fire at Winger's drug store; damage slight.

#### 1892.

Friday, March 4th, Box 17, 10:40 p. m. Fire on Lyon alley, between East Norwegian and George streets;

Joel Hawk, Deisher's feed store and John A. Guldin's stable were destroyed.

October 29th, Box 26, 1:05 a. m. Fire at the Miners' Journal building, South Centre street; the building was entirely destroyed.

Sunday, November 13th, Box 18, 12:20 a. m. Fire at the Shissler building, Centre street, occupied by H. Pollack's millinery store, Wm. Fegley's hat store, and George M. Bretz's photograph gallery.

#### 1893.

Friday, January 6th, Box 18, 12:25 p. m. Fire at Mose Ennis' shoe store, Centre street; loss \$500.

Saturday, January 7th, Box 18, 5:10 a. m. Fire at Wilhelm & Kennedy's tin store, Centre street.

Monday, April 24th, Box 24 and 26, 11:05 p. m. Fire at C. H. Woltjen's stable, on Greenwood Hill; loss \$500.

Wednesday, July 26th, Box 52, 1:20 p. m. Fire at a stable of Mrs. Jos. Hatch, on Harrison street.

Saturday, September 9th, Box 25, 9:10 p. m. Fire at the Pennsylvania Railroad Co.'s car shops, Mt. Carbon; loss about \$5,000.

December 12th, Box 52, 1:25 p. m. Fire in a double frame house, occupied by Charles Shelly and Mr. Schropp, on Harrison street; damage about \$500.

#### 1894.

August 22nd, Box 41, 10:50 p. m. Fire at M. Bierstein's, on Wood street; damage about \$1,000.

In 1894 there were sixteen alarms of fire which the fire department responded to.

#### 1895.

January 20th, Box 51, 1:50 a. m. Fire at the steam heat plant on Railroad street; loss \$5,000.

May 30th, Box 26, 5:45 p. m. Fire in the Esterly building, S. Centre street.

December 28th, Box 24, 3:50 a. m. Fire at the Orchard Flour Mills on Mauch Chunk street; loss \$13,000.

1896.

March 23rd, Box 18, 7:50 p. m. Slight fire at Schaal's Packing House, Railroad street.

Monday, May 11th, Boxes 72 and 73, 12:30 a. m. Fire at Weissinger's Hotel and stock yard of David Neuser, corner Coal and Nichols streets; loss about \$11,000.

July 4th, Box 26, 9:05 p. m. Fire at H. Royer & Son's dry goods store, corner Centre and Howard avenue.

Monday, July 20th, Box 73, 1:30 a. m. Fire destroyed Mrs. Jennie Sloan's property, Mill Creek Hill.

1897.

January 28th, Box 18, 11:25 p. m. Fire on Lawton's Hill; three houses destroyed, occupied by Wm. Yearger, Mr. Cartwright and John Rowe.

July 3rd, Box 24, 7:20 p. m. Fire at the Schuylkill Electric Railway Power House, Palo Alto.

1898.

March 13th, Box 43, 12:15 a. m. Fire in the Philadelphia Cloak Store, property of Col. Wm. Thompson, Centre, near the corner of Market street.

August 1st, Box 41, 10:55 p. m. Barn at the Charles Baber Cemetery.

August 2nd, Box 18, 9:30 p. m. Fire at Keiser's carpet store, Centre and Market streets; loss \$20,000.

August 21st, Box 16, 3:05 p. m. Fire at the Children's Home; old stable burnt down.

December 15th, Box 55, 8:35 p. m. Slight fire at H. J. Raatz's store, Fourth and Minersville streets.

1899.

January 12th, Box 25, 5:25 p. m. Slight fire at residence of Prof. D. W. Herbert, Ninth and Mahantongo streets.

January 23rd, Box 53, 3:20 p. m. Slight fire in stable on Seventh street between Harrison and Fairview, and occupied by Mr. Glassmire.

January 30th, Box 42, 9:10 p. m. Fire at A. Reinhart's stable, Ninth and West Market streets; damage about \$400.

February 17th, Box 43, 7:20 a. m. Slight fire at the residence of Dr. A. H. Halberstadt, West Market street; damage, slight.

June 21st, Box 61, 2:50 p. m. Double stable of W. E. Lecher, Peacock street, Fishbach; loss, \$3,000.

July 4th, Box 62, 3 p. m. Fire at No. 333 Peacock street; house occupied by George O'Brien; loss, \$75.

August 8th, Box 72, 5:00 p. m. Slight fire at house in rear of Hock's lime kiln.

August 29th, Box 43, 9:15 a. m. Slight fire at Gibson's laundry, Third and Arch streets; damage, slight.

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CHARLES E. EMHARDT, President.

Mr. Emhardt was elected a member of the company November 21st, 1882. He is at present President of the company, this being his second year. For eleven years, he has been a member of the Board of Fire Trustees, which position he still holds. He is also an Assistant Engineer, to which position he was elected January 9th, 1883. He has also officiated as a Company Trustee for a period of five years.

Mr. Emhardt is a careful, conservative man; energetic and industrious in everything the company undertakes, nothing being too much trouble for him to do to advance the interests of the company. To him, probably more than any man in the company, is due the fact, that we are enabled to publish this history. He takes great pride in keeping track of the archives of the company, and spent many nights in the gathering of the data of the Fire Record, which forms part of this history. He has the confidence of all of the members.

### SAMUEL GORE, Vice President.

Mr. Gore was elected a member of the company on November 11th, 1884. He has held the offices of Director, Librarian, Assistant Foreman, Foreman, and on two different occasions has been elected Company Trustee. At present he holds the office of Vice President.

Mr. Gore has always been active in the affairs of the company, and hard-working and self-sacrificing in its interests.

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### SAMUEL MORTIMER.

Mr. Mortimer joined the company in 1849, and was for a period of twenty-five years our Treasurer. While at present he does not take a very active interest in the affairs of the company, he still has the interests of the company at heart.

He has officiated as the Treasurer for the Borough of Pottsville for twenty-three years, and has practically never had any opposition for that office. This in itself is sufficient testimony as to his standing as a citizen.

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### JOHN JOHNSON, Recording Secretary.

Mr. Johnson was elected a member of the company on December 12th, 1882.

He has served in the capacity of Librarian, Director, Foreman, Vice President and President. He was elected a member of the Board of Fire Trustees on the 28th of September, 1886, and is still a member of that body. He is at present Recording Secretary of the company.

From his election to the present time, Mr. Johnson has been prominent in the affairs of the company.

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JOHN F. BUSHAR, Financial Secretary.

Mr. Bushar was elected a member of the company on July 21st, 1873.

During his connection with the company he has held many offices. At different times he has been Trustee, Foreman, Assistant Foreman and Director. He is at present Financial Secretary, which position he has held for sixteen years. He has served as Chief Engineer of the Pottsville Department for four years, and on two occasions has been elected as Assistant Chief.

Mr. Bushar, while not an old man, has spent years as a volunteer fireman. He is much esteemed by the members of his own company. His record as Chief Engineer has been exceptionally good, and the firemen of Pottsville having great confidence in his ability to manage fires, have always worked faithfully and harmoniously under his administration.

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EDWARD CAKE, Chief Engineer.

Mr. Cake was elected a member of the company February 3rd, 1873, and has been from that time the Chief Engineer of the company. Mr. Cake's advice and judgment are much sought for in the active management of the company's affairs, and particularly where the questions are of a mechanical nature. In the purchasing of apparatus he is usually appointed chairman of the committee, and has made several trips to distant points in the selection of the different apparatus.

It may not be out of place to mention, that Mr. Cake served in the Civil War in the 129th Regt., Penna. Vol., and participated in the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. He was honorably discharged after nine months service.

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